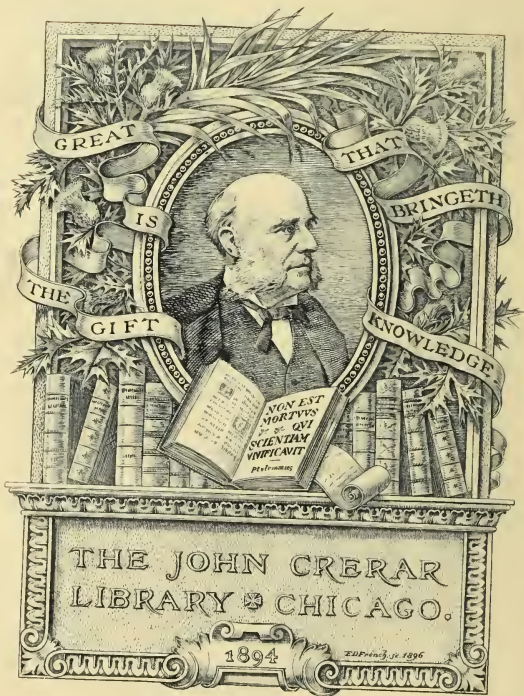


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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY  
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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, A. D. 1886.

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The one hundred and fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 18th, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Henry E. Turner. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. George F. Crandall was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. There being no quorum of the stockholders present it was voted to adjourn to Saturday, August 21st, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m.

GEORGE F. CRANDALL,  
Secretary *pro tem*.

The Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum met at the Library on Saturday, August 21st, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Henry E. Turner, President, called the meeting to order. There was a quorum of the stockholders present, representing in person fifteen votes and by proxy twenty-eight votes.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The President, Dr. Turner, presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Company, together with the Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Sheffield it was voted that the Directors' Report and accompanying documents be received and accepted, and that not exceeding five hundred copies thereof, together with a list of the shareholders of the Company, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary for distribution among the shareholders.

Dr. Henry E. Turner declined a re-election as President and Mr. William Gilpin as Vice President. The following officers were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.

*Directors.*

Francis Brinley,	George C. Mason,		
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Henry G. Marquand,	George W. Wales.		
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Job T. Langley.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation : Andrew B. Almon, Arthur B. Emmons, Miss Martha E. Gardner, Anthony M. Kimber, Miss Jeanne S. Ladd, Edward Newton, Raphael Pumpelly, Dr. Francis H. Rankin, Alexander O'D. Taylor.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment. Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously voted that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to Dr. Henry E. Turner, for the able, efficient and successful manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this Company as its President.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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GENTLEMEN:—The Directors are happy to have it in their power to congratulate you on a condition of our affairs very much more flattering than at their last report.

The improvement has been accomplished through the instrumentality of George Gordon King, Esq., whose generosity manifested itself in furnishing means by which the library buildings have been thoroughly renovated and repaired, and painted both outside and in, and a handsome and substantial iron fence built. Mr. King has also erected a gallery on the west side of the middle hall, capable of containing about 2,000 volumes.

These expenditures Mr. King devoted to the use of the library, as a tribute to the memory of his deceased brother, Alexander Mercer King; and the Directors have deemed it proper and have accordingly given to this gallery the name of the “Alexander Mercer King Memorial Gallery.”

The Directors feel that they cannot too warmly express their sense of the obligation under which the Society and its individual members are placed by Mr. King’s thoughtful munificence, or too highly praise the public spirit which prompted his action.



Although the funds of the Society have received no increment during the past year, and the resources and expenditures are very nearly equal, still the repairs and improvements described have been a most seasonable relief to the treasury, burdened with the imminent necessity of making large expenditures, beyond its capacity, for the preservation of its property.

We are also indebted to the Hon. George P. Wetmore for a supplementary bookcase in the southwest corner of the east hall, corresponding to the two placed in the same room last year, which increases our capacity for accommodating books by about 1,000 volumes.

Our kind and considerate friend, Mr. Marquand, has contributed materially during this year, as in the past, to our means of binding and rebinding, which is now the most pressing want of the library. The ephemeral binding of the greater part of publications, at this day, and the constantly increasing proportion of periodical literature, will always hereafter make binding a very important feature in the proper preservation of libraries: this reflection is one to which the experience of every individual will induce him to respond.

The Directors are happy to say that the improved condition of the premises has borne its legitimate fruit in the enhanced interest exhibited in the library, in increased attendance of its habitues at the rooms, and in an enlarged subscription list; and its prestige, as the literary centre of Newport life for many generations, is made more salient.

With the occasional contributions which may reasonably be hoped for, and a close attention to economy, the Directors trust that an occasion may not hereafter occur when any direct appeals may be necessary, for the conduct of the establishment in a manner befitting its character and its history, and worthy the highest hopes of its founders.

It is gratifying to note that no losses of books or pictures have occurred during the year.

A large and valuable accession of books has been made during the year, comprising about three thousand volumes,

from the library of the late Judge James Emott, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who in his will made this Society a conditional legatee of his library, as a mark of respect to the memory of his mother, who was a native of this town.

The grandfather of Judge Emott was a colonel in the Continental line of the American army, of prominence and distinction, and at the close of the Revolutionary War became a member of the mercantile firm of Crary, Fry & Bentley, of East Greenwich ; he afterwards settled in Newport, as did his partner Mr. John Fry, and was an influential citizen of this place, where the mother of Judge Emott was born.

The addition of books during the year are as follows, viz :

By gift, 285 volumes ; by purchase, 281 volumes ; by bequest of Judge Emott, 2,846 volumes : making 3,412 volumes, which brings the whole number of volumes now belonging to the library up to 31,620 volumes.

To this may be added for this year, 230 pamphlets.

The Directors take leave to compliment George C. Mason, Esq., on the taste and devotion exercised by him in the execution of the improvements, all of which have been under his direction, and also to commend the excellent condition of the books and other property of the institution, due to the care and diligence of Mr. Bliss, the Librarian.

For further details the Directors refer to the reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

Respectfully submitted, by

HENRY E. TURNER, President,

For the Directors.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY—

*Gentlemen*.:—I have the honor to submit herewith the fourth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1885-86.

### ACCESSIONS.

The steady increase in the number of books added to the library from year to year which was pointed out in the last annual report has, it is gratifying to note, been continued this year. Though the number of books received by donation during the past year is slightly less than that of the previous year, the number added by purchase is considerably more. In addition to the number of books obtained in the ordinary way, the library has received a large and valuable accession in the bequest of the library of the late Judge James Emott of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., referred to in the President's report immediately preceding. As will be seen from the following table the bequest consists of 2,846 volumes, exclusive of thirty-six numbers of unbound magazines. The books arrived at the library on the 11th of June last and were immediately unpacked and the work of classifying and marking them was begun at once, and continued as rapidly as was consistent with attention to the ordinary work of the library, largely increased as this is during the summer season. Although the greater part of

this accession is still unready for circulation the books have been roughly classified in order to exhibit their character, which is shown in the subjoined table. It will there be seen that more than half of this bequest consists of works of history, biography and belles-lettres. These are all standard works in excellent condition—many of them being in fine bindings—and will unquestionably add largely to the resources of the library. In so carefully and judiciously selected a library as Judge Emott's it is of course likely that there will be many works which will duplicate the volumes now on our shelves; but the duplicates will be mainly those which are most needed by our patrons and consequently those most in demand. Until these new books are shelved it will be impossible to tell exactly how many duplicate volumes there may be among them.

No. of volumes in the library, August 15, 1885,	28,092
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . . . .	298
No. of volumes added by donation, . . . . .	336
No. of volumes added by Emott bequest, . . . . .	2,858
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, . . . . .	116
Total in the library, August 18, 1886, . . . . .	31,700
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	234
Odd numbers of magazines added, . . . . .	721

#### CLASSIFICATION OF THE EMOTT BEQUEST.

History, . . . . .	721
Biography, . . . . .	441
Religious and Ecclesiastical literature, . . . . .	175
Description and travel, . . . . .	149
English literature, . . . . .	
Collected works and essays, . . . . .	268
Correspondence and speeches, . . . . .	45
Poetry and the drama, . . . . .	126
Fiction, . . . . .	100



Foreign literature, . . . . .	47
Greek and Latin classics, . . . . .	158
Literary history, . . . . .	15
Philosophy, . . . . .	30
Art and archæology, . . . . .	57
Sociology, . . . . .	35
Medicine, . . . . .	10
Jurisprudence, . . . . .	23
Natural science, . . . . .	20
Philology, . . . . .	26
Periodicals, (bound) . . . . .	304
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	108
Total, . . . . .	<u>2,858</u>

## CIRCULATION.

By a comparison of the circulation of the past year with that of the few preceding years, as shown in the following table, it will be seen that there is a marked falling off in the number of books issued. This decrease, however, is accounted for by the fact that the library was closed for repairs three months last winter. Had the library been open the whole year it is highly probable, judging from the proportionate increase during the other nine months, that the total would have shown an increase in circulation over that of 1884-85. While the closing of the library for the much needed repairs and additions was a temporary disadvantage to our patrons, this disadvantage is more than counterbalanced by the additional shelf-room gained—obviating, to a great extent, the crowding together of books upon the shelves, and allowing a better arrangement of the books by subjects and consequently affording more ready access to the particular books wanted. That the renovation of the interior of the building, making it a much more attractive place for reading and study, has been appreciated by the patrons of the library is fully shown in the marked increase in the number of frequenters of the library, which has been many times greater this year than last.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
Total circulation:	7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833

As regards the extra-mural circulation it will be seen that, as usual, works of fiction enormously outnumber those of any other department; the proportion for nine months of this year being 48.25 per cent. of the whole. The cause which contributes largely to this unusually high percentage was mentioned in the report for the preceding year. In other departments the figures show an actual increase in circulation in works relating to history, belles-lettres and poetry, philosophy and particularly in religious and ecclesiastical literature. Of course this increase may not indicate any actual change in the popular taste, but may be owing mainly to the character of the works purchased in these departments.

Fiction and Juveniles,	3297
Periodicals (bound volumes),	246
Periodicals (numbers),	823
Biography,	571
History,	549
Description and travel,	354
Collected works and essays,	226
Poetry and the drama,	115
Greek and Latin classics,	87
Literary history,	53
Religious and Ecclesiastical history,	215
Science,	129
Art and archæology,	48
Philosophy,	34
Miscellaneous,	86
Total,	6833

#### BINDING.

In all libraries the need of funds for rebinding worn volumes, and for binding the constantly and rapidly increasing numbers of periodicals, is a constant want and in none more so than in ours. It is unfortunate that the funds of the library do not permit of more being done in this direction. As was the case last year the library is again indebted to one of its

patrons for generously coming to our aid and enabling us not only to bind the current magazines but also to do something in the way of rebinding those books which have been most worn in circulation. The necessity for rebinding is, in fact, one which increases year by year. The present mania for cheap books has seriously affected the manufacture of books intended to be permanent. Not only is the paper poorer, but the work is so carelessly done that many books now need to be rebound almost before the gloss has worn from the surface of the covers. As some of the publishers bind at present it is a question whether it would not be a saving in cost to a library to purchase the work in sheets and have it suitably bound at a regular book-bindery, or even whether it is worth while to buy their books at all.

#### CATALOGUING.

Owing to the closing of the library for repairs and the time subsequently required to bring the books into their proper places on the shelves, and also to the demand upon the time of the librarian and his assistant in preparing the Emott collection for circulation, but little work has been done upon the card catalogue. When the books were moved back upon the shelves after the completion of the repairs in the library, it was determined to alter the arrangement of the works of fiction and to dispose them alphabetically on the shelves according to the name of the author. This necessitated an immediate catalogue with new class-marks as the old shelf marks were no longer of any use. A beginning was made but, as previously stated, the work was interrupted by more imperative demands upon the time of the librarian. It is hoped that the work will soon be resumed and carried through to completion without further interruption. But it becomes daily more evident that the work of cataloguing the whole library cannot be carried through in any reasonable time by one person, especially when the increased activity of the library makes so many demands upon the time of the librarian. A sum of money sufficient to warrant the employment of a trained cata-

loguer with a sufficient number of assistants is imperatively needed. The want of a complete card catalogue is one of the most serious drawbacks to the efficiency of the library. The librarian is daily hampered in his efforts to find the books wanted, to the delay and often to the disappointment of the inquirer who perhaps fails to get the book he knows is in the library. In addition to this the special student who wishes to know what the resources of the library in his particular line of study are is utterly without help, especially now that the shelves are no longer accessible, save such as the librarian can give him, which must necessarily be inadequate. The gift of a sum of money sufficient to allow the preparation of a card catalogue would prove as great a benefaction to the library as could well be.

#### ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Through the generosity of Governor George P. Wetmore the capacity of the library has been greatly increased by the erection of a large case of shelves capable of holding about nine hundred volumes. This welcome addition gives room for the disposal of many of our volumes which, notwithstanding the additional accommodation afforded by the construction of the new gallery last winter, were crowded together in the east room. The accession of so many volumes from the Emott bequest, however, leaves the library still crowded and yet more shelf-room is needed before all the books can be arranged on the shelves with room enough for the normal growth of the library. \*

Some progress has been made in sorting out the duplicate volumes and magazines in the library, and in finding out what gaps in our series of periodicals need to be filled. A large number of duplicates of government publications have been taken from the basement where they were being injured by the dampness, and eight sacks-full of these, consisting mainly of the Congressional Globe and Record, embracing 198 volumes have been sent to the Department of the Interior at Washington in response to a request for the shipment of such

volumes as could be spared to aid in completing sets in other libraries. Our library has previously been a beneficiary from this process of exchange, and our set of Congressional Globe and Record is now complete with the exception of two volumes. In return for the documents recently sent to Washington we have just received from the Interior Department 18 volumes to aid in completing our sets of other documents. The Peoples Library of this city has also received from us 38 volumes to aid them in completing their sets of government publications. In the delivery department the effective service of Mr. S. T. Hopkins, the assistant in charge, has shown itself in the careful and orderly manner in which the books have been kept. But one volume has been reported lost and this a work which was taken out just prior to the closing of the library last winter.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.



## JAMES EMOTT.

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It seems fitting that this Annual Report should be accompanied by some tribute to the character and some account of the life of Hon. James Emott, to whose bequest we are indebted for an accession of about three thousand very valuable volumes to our library, it being the accumulation of his lifetime devoted to the service of man and the glory of God,—a life of faithful application of all its energies, capacities and opportunities in the prosecution of such culture, and such application of it as redounds to his own credit, and to the promotion of good taste, of good morals and of sound law.

As Judge Emott was a resident of a distant city he was not familiarly known here, and we are indebted for the material for this sketch to an article from the *American Church Review* for April, 1885, written by Rev. H. G. Satterlee, his intimate friend.

James Emott was born in 1823. He was the son of the Hon. James Emott, of Poughkeepsie, New York, a man of high distinction as a lawyer, and who had occupied with honor and distinction seats in the state and national legislatures, and was the first County Judge of Dutchess County, and afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; he also held high position as an honorable and accomplished business man, and was at his decease President of the ancient Dutchess County Bank. His death occurred in 1850.

His wife, Hester Crary, a lady of remarkable sweetness of character and of most exemplary Christian life, was a native of Newport, and was the daughter of Archibald Crary, who was colonel of a Rhode Island regiment in the Continental line of the American army of the Revolution, though a native of Connecticut, (viz. 1st Battalion, 1777,) who had been a resident of East Greenwich before and during the Revolution, and was afterward domiciled in Newport and was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of this town, and was a member of the Society of Cincinnati in Rhode Island and from 1800 to 1811, Vice President of that body.

Both these parents were most devout Christians and the son was trained in the most careful manner and fulfilled their utmost desires in all his subsequent conduct and character.

The father was reserved and dignified, but under the mother's gentle influence the son's temperament became mel-  
lowed and he developed more genial and social qualities than had distinguished the father, although in the youth of the son their association had been very affectionate and confidential.

Under the careful guidance of his father the youth made rapid progress in study, and at the age of fifteen years he entered the sophomore class of Columbia College; he was a diligent student and made such good use of his advantages that on the expiration of his three years' term he graduated with the highest honors of his class.

During his college course the death of his mother threw a shade of sadness over him, which probably contributed to the formation of the individual vividly described in the following paragraph, quoted entire from Mr. Satterlee's paper:

"Under such auspices James Emott grew up and returned to Poughkeepsie to take his place in the world: a grave, staid, reliable youth, tall and handsome in appearance, and in his manner at once courteous and reserved; quick in his sympathies, yet ever holding his sympathy in abeyance to a discriminating judgment; with a natural taste for all kinds of books, which had been generously cultivated, and with those trained

habits of study and careful analysis that he carried to the grave."

The next few years he was a law student in the office of Johnson & Cole, and a year after his admission to the bar he married Mary, daughter of Charles Crooke, of Poughkeepsie.

That he was regarded as a profound lawyer, the following quotation by Mr. Satterlee, from an expression of opinion by a professional associate, conclusively shows.

"He seemed to care little or nothing for the forensic struggles of his profession, but bent his energies to the enforcement of legal questions, which he unfolded with a quiet, unostentatious and masterly clearness which gradually lifted him into consequence as a profound jurist in the mightier matters of the law."

In 1850 the father died, and the son succeeded him as President of the old Dutchess County Bank; this position he held until his death. When Poughkeepsie became a city he was honored by being elected its first Mayor, and in 1855 he was nominated by the Republican party and elected as Justice of the Supreme Court for the Second Judicial District, being then thirty-two years of age. Eight years later, in 1863, having served part of this term with great acceptance as Judge of Appeals, he retired from the bench and assumed the practice of law in the city of New York.

Up to 1870 he pursued his professional avocations, mingling them with all other good works as occasion offered, with great earnestness and diligence. Soon after that time his health began to yield to the too great demands upon him, and yet he persisted until near his end in painful struggles to answer all the requirements of his position.

Judge Emott was deeply interested in the Union cause, and was chiefly instrumental in sending to the front the first regiment from Dutchess County, and never, to his death, ceased to regret that the solicitations of his friends had dissuaded him from abandoning his important duties at home and taking the field.

He was a very devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and a profound theological student and reasoner. On this point Mr. Satterlee's paper is copious, and our space will not permit our following the subject.

The sentiment which led Judge Emott to present his library to this institution as a memento of his respect for the memory of his mother, is one which all must admire as creditable to himself and a just tribute to her exalted character.

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Almon, A. B., 1 vol.  
American Gas Light Journal, from the publisher.  
Anonymous, 7 vols. 4 pph.  
Armington, Miss, 1 photograph.  
Ashhurst, Miss Emily, 1 vol.  
Atkinson, Misses L. F. and C. R., 8 vols. 4 mags.  
Balch, Thos. W., 2 vols. 2 pph.  
Baltimore: Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 vol.  
Baltimore: Peabody Institute, 1 pph.  
Best, Mrs. Col. C. L., 22 vols.  
Betten, G. G., 8 pph.  
Blight, A., 1 vol.  
Bookstaver, H. W., 1 vol.  
Boston: Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.  
Boston: Perkins Institution, 1 pph.  
Boston: Public Library, 1 pph.  
Boston Record Commissioners, 1 vol.  
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., 1 broadside.  
Braintree, Mass.: Thayer Academy, 1 pph.  
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library, 3 pph.  
Calvert, G. H., Popular Science M'thly.  
Chalmers, Patrick, (London,) 2 pph.  
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Chase, W. L., 1 pph.  
Cincinnati: Public Library, 1 pph.  
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Cox, Hon. W. R., 1 pph.  
Cross, S. H., 1 vol.  
Cullum, Gen. G. W., 1 vol.  
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Dalton, Joseph G., 1 vol.  
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Earle, Pliny, 1 chart.  
Eaton, Amasa M., 1 pph.  
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Higginson, T. W., 1 pph.  
Home Journal, from the publishers.  
Hubbard, L. P., 3 pph.  
King, Mrs. Edward, 3 vols.  
King, George G., 230 mags.  
Langley, J. S. and A. G., 313 mags. 58 pph.  
Lawrence: Free Public Library, 1 pph.  
Leeds, Joseph W., 1 pph.  
Librarian, The, 9 vols. 41 mags.  
Literary News, from the publishers.  
Littlefield, G. A., 1 pph.  
Manifesto, The, from the publishers.  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1 pph.



- Massachusetts Lodge of Free Masons, 2 pph.
- Massachusetts : State Library, 1 vol.
- Mauran, J. E., 4 vols. 5 pph. 22 periodicals.
- Messenger of Peace, from the publishers.
- Middlebury (Vt.) Historical Society, 1 vol.
- Nation, The, from the publishers.
- New Church Messenger, from the publishers.
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- N. Y.: Shakspeare Society, 1 vol.
- Ohio State Forestry Bureau, 1 vol.
- Our Dumb Animals, from the publishers.
- Pell, Mrs. D. C., 1 vol.
- Perkins, C. C., 1 pph.
- Philadelphia Library Co., 2 pph.
- Philadelphia: Mercantile Lib'ry, 1 pph.
- Philadelphia: Prov. Life & Trust Co., 1 vol.
- Pillsbury, Parker, 1 pph.
- Powel, Miss M. E., subscription to the Book News.
- Powel, Miss M. E., 19 vols. 17 pph. 1 mag. 1 map.
- Providence: Public Library, 1 pph.
- Pumpelly, Raphael, 1 vol.
- Rankin, Dr. F. H., 1 vol.
- Religio-Philosophical Journal, from the publishers.
- Rhode Island Board of Charities, 1 pph.
- Rhode Island Hospital, 1 pph.
- Rhode Island Sec'y of State, 4 vols.
- Rhode Island State Auditor, 1 pph.
- Rider, Sidney, Book Notes.
- Rosengarten, J. G., 2 vols. 7 pph. 28 periodicals.
- Sanford, Rev. Enoch, 1 pph.
- San Francisco: Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
- Sherman, W. Watts, 9 vols.
- Stevens, Dr. George T., 1 pph.
- St. Louis: Public Library, 1 pph.
- Taunton: Public Library, 1 pph.
- Tennessee State Board of Health, 1 vol.
- Tompkins, H. B., 3 vols. 34 pph.
- Traveler's Record, from the publishers.
- Trinity Church Messenger, from the publishers.
- U. S.: Civil Service Commiss'n, 1 pph.
- U. S.: Department of the Interior, 88 vols. 9 pph.
- U. S.: Department of State, 33 vols. 11 pph.
- U. S.: Fish Commission, 2 vols.
- U. S.: Navy Department, 2 vols.
- U. S.: Patent Office Gazette.
- U. S.: Smithsonian Institute, 4 vols.
- U. S.: Treasury Department, 5 vols. 1 pph.
- U. S.: War Department, 8 vols.
- Unity, from the publishers.
- University of Pennsylvania Greek Play Committee, 1 vol.
- Voice, The, from the publishers.
- Wendte, Rev. C. W., 6 vols.
- Westerly Narragansett Weekly, from the publishers.
- Wetmore, Gov. George P., 32 vols. 31 mags.
- Wingate, Rev. Charles, 1 vol.
- Winthrop, R. C., Jr., 2 pph.
- Woburn: Public Library, 1 pph.
- Woolsey, Miss A., 2 vols.
- Worcester: Public Library, 1 pph.

# LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

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IST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100,  
Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

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Anderson, Miss Martha M.  
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.  
Beekman, Miss Helen (Mrs. H. B.  
Lyman.)  
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate.  
Butler, Samuel W., Estate.  
Caldwell, William S., Estate.  
Carey, John, Jr., Estate.  
Caswell, Philip, Estate.  
Cooke, Henry Williams  
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate.  
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.  
Cornell, Richard  
Cozzens, William C., Estate.  
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate.  
Fearing, George R.  
Fitts, Daniel B.  
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.  
Foster, John  
Gibbs, George W.  
Gibbs, Miss Sarah (Mrs. R. M.  
Thompson.)  
Gibbs, Theodore K.  
Hammett, George A., Estate.  
Hazard, James L.  
Hone, Robert S.  
Hoppin, Hamilton, Estate.  
Humphrey, Mrs. Pastora E.  
Hunter, Miss Anna F.  
Jessup, Alfred D.  
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer  
Kennedy, Robert L.  
King, Le Roy  
Ledyard, Henry, Estate.  
Macy, Seth W., Estate.  
Malcom, Rev. Charles H.

Marquand, Henry G.  
Mason, Earl P., Estate.  
Mason, Miss Ellen F.  
Mason, Miss Ida M.  
McCurdy, Robert H., Estate.  
Morgan, Edwin D.  
Norman, George H.  
Norman, Stephen H.  
Parish, Daniel, Jr.  
Parkman, George F.  
Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta  
Powel, Samuel, Estate.  
Ray, Robert, Estate.  
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.  
Russell, Charles H., Estate.  
Sands, Austin L., Estate.  
Sanford, Henry S.  
Sheffield, William P.  
Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)  
Smith, Alfred  
Staigg, Richard M.  
Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.  
Taylor, Robert J., Estate.  
Tompkins, Frederic  
Tompkins, Hamilton B.  
Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.  
Tweedy, Edmund  
Van Renssalaer, Alex., Estate.  
Wales, George W.  
Wetmore, Annie D., Estate.  
Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.  
Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wetmore, Samuel  
Wetmore, William B.  
Willett, Edward M.

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,  
(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	Dame, Hannah, Estate.
Allan, Erastus P.	DeBlois, Henry D.
Allan, W. S. N., Estate.	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.
Atkinson, Misses Louisa F. and Mary E.	Dennis, Miss Sarah B.
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate.	Denniston, George
Bailey, Samuel C.	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.
Baker, A. Prescott	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.
Baker, Darius	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate.
Bancroft, George	Dunn, Thomas
Barker, Robert S.	Edgar, William
Berry, Mrs. Mary A. T.	Ellery, Misses Mary G. and Hen- rietta C.
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	Engs, Dr. George
Boit, Edward D.	Engs, Samuel
Bowen, Stephen, Estate.	Fay, Henry H.
Bradford, Joseph, Estate.	Finch, Benjamin
Breeze, Thomas, Estate.	Fludder, James
Brinley, Francis	Fludder, William
Bronson, Arthur, Estate.	Franklin, Robert S.
Brown, John C., Estate.	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.
Brownell, William	Gardner, Miss Martha E.
Buffum, William P.	Gibbes, Miss Emily O.
Bull, Henry	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate.
Burdick, J. Truman	Gibbes, Miss Sarah B.
Bush, John T., Estate.	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate.	Gilpin, William
Callender, Miss Elizabeth	Goffe, Augustus
Calvert, George H.	Gould, Edward W.
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	Greene, George W., Estate.
Chase, Miss Sarah I.	Greene, William B.
Child, Rev. William S.	Griswold, John N. A.
Clarke, William A.	Hall, George, Estate.
Coggeshall, David M., Estate.	Hamilton, William
Coggeshall, John S.	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.
Coggeshall, Thomas	Hammett, Elizabeth, Estate.
Cornell, William	Hammett, James H.
Cottrell, Michael	Harris, Frank G.
Covell, Robert S.	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate.
Cozzens, John H.	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)
Crandall, George F.	Hazard, Miss Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross.)
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	

Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.  
 Hazard, Henry B.  
 Hazard, Isaac P., Estate.  
 Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T. G.)  
 Hazard, Mrs. Nancy  
 Hazard, Thomas H.  
 Hoffman, Miss Susan O.  
 Honey, Samuel R.  
 Horton, Jeremiah W.  
 Hunter, Miss Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane.)  
 Hunter, Miss Rebecca E.  
 Hunter, Thomas R.  
 Kane, Delancy, Estate.  
 Kimber, Anthony M.  
 King, Caroline, Estate.  
 King, David, Estate.  
 King, David, Jr.  
 King, Edward, Estate.  
 King, George G.  
 King, William H.  
 Ladd, Miss Jeanne S.  
 Langley, Alfred G.  
 Langley, Job T.  
 Langley, William C.  
 Lawrence, S. Abbott, Estate.  
 Lawton, Charles E., Estate.  
 Lawton, Edward W.  
 Lawton, George  
 Ledyard, Lewis C.  
 Lemont, Miss Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur.)  
 Leverett, Rev. William, Estate.  
 Luce, Admiral Stephen B.  
 Lyman, Charles F., Estate.  
 Lyon, Joseph, Estate.  
 Lyon, Joseph M.  
 Marin, Capt. Matthias C.  
 Marsh, J. W. R., Estate.  
 Mason, George C.  
 Mauran, James E.  
 Middleton, Henry A.  
 Morris, Wistar  
 Munro, Miss Rebecca (Mrs. J. B. Finch.  
 Newport Hospital.

Newton, Mrs. Abby E.  
 Newton, Miss Clara  
 Newton, Dudley  
 Newton, Edward  
 Newton, Miss Mary H.  
 Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.  
 Paine, John, Estate.  
 Peckham, Felix, Estate.  
 Peckham, Henry S.  
 Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.  
 Peckham, Thomas P.  
 Pell, Mrs. Walden  
 Perkins, Charles C., Estate.  
 Phinney, Theodore W.  
 Potter, Charles, Estate.  
 Pray, Harley W.  
 Pempelley, Raphael  
 Rankin, Francis H.  
 Reynolds, Gardiner B.  
 Rhinelander, Fred. W.  
 Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate.  
 Richardson, John D.  
 Richmond, George A.  
 Rider, Philip  
 Sanborn, John P.  
 Sanford, William H.  
 Seabury, T. Mumford  
 Seabury, William G.  
 Sherman, Albert K.  
 Sherman, Anthony S.  
 Sherman, Edward A., Estate.  
 Sherman, Susan B.  
 Sherman, William  
 Simmons, Philip, Estate.  
 Smith, William H.  
 Southwick, J. M. K.  
 Spooner, Edwin G.  
 Spooner, Henry D.  
 Stevens, Achilles  
 Stevens, William, Estate.  
 Stevens, William G.  
 Stewart, Anthony  
 Stoddard, John C.  
 Storer, Dr. Horatio R.  
 Stout, Mrs. Ann M.  
 Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate.

Taylor, Alex. O'D.  
Terrill, Dr. George  
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.  
Thorndike, Sophia, Estate.  
Tiffany, George, Estate.  
Tilley, Mrs. Mary C.  
Tilton, Frederic W.  
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate.  
Townsend, John F., Estate.  
Turner, Henry E.  
Turner, Henry E., Jr.  
Underwood, Charles W., Estate.  
Underwood, William J.

Van Zandt, Charles C.  
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate.  
Ward, A. Judson  
Ward, Henry N.  
Weaver, John G.  
Weaver, Miss Sarah C.  
Wharton, Thomas I.  
Wilbour, Miss Mary A.  
Willard, Elisha W.  
Wilson, George H.  
Woollett, Sidney  
Woolsey, Miss Theodora W.  
Wormeley, Miss Katherine P.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all persons, who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life-Members.

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Anderson, Elbert J.  
Astor, John Jacob  
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley  
Baker, Mrs. Richard  
Baker, Mary B.  
Bancroft, George  
Beach, C. Nicholas  
Belmont, August  
Bennett, J. G.  
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter  
Bryce, J. Smith  
Channing, William F.  
Clarke, William A.  
Cornell, Richard  
Dunn, Thomas  
Fearing, Henry S.  
Foster, John  
Gammell, Mrs. William  
Gibbs, George W.  
Griswold, J. N. A.  
Hatch, A. S.  
Hunter, Anna F.  
Kennedy, Robert Lenox  
Kernochan, Frederic  
King, David, Jr.  
King, Mrs. Edward  
Lorillard, Pierre  
Low, A. A.

Low, Seth  
Marquand, H. G.  
Mason, Ellen F.  
Norman, George H.  
Norris, William  
Ogden, Francis D.  
Parkinson, C. B.  
Phoenix, F. Whitney  
Pell, Mrs. Walden  
Rives, William C.  
Rogers, Daniel  
Rogers, Fairman  
Sheffield, William P., Jr.  
Sheldon, Frederic  
Smith, Alfred  
Stevens, Frederic W.  
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.  
Stout, Francis A.  
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher  
Tompkins, Frederic  
Tompkins, Hamilton B.  
Tuckerman, Joseph  
Tweedy, Edmund  
Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wharton, C. W.  
Wharton, Joseph  
Wolfe, Catharine L.









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# OFFICERS

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1887-88.

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**PRESIDENT :**  
LE ROY KING.

**VICE-PRESIDENT.**  
HENRY H. FAY.

**DIRECTORS:**

FRANCIS BRINLEY,	GEORGE C. MASON,
GEORGE W. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
THEODORE K. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
DAVID KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
GEORGE G. KING,	HENRY E. TURNER,
HENRY G. MARQUAND,	CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

**TREASURER :**  
GEORGE GORDON KING.

**SECRETARY :**  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON,  
F. W. TILTON.

## ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,

HENRY E. TURNER,  
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

## ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND.  
THEODORE K. GIBBS.

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON.

## ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

CHARDES C. VAN ZANDT,  
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

F. W. TILTON,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY,  
—OF THE—  
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, A. D. 1887.

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The one hundred and fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 17th, A. D. 1887, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and accompanying reports, with a list of the stockholders, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary. The resignation of Mr. George W. Wales as a director was read, received and accepted with regret that he declined to serve longer in the position which he has so usefully filled.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

*President,* . . . LeRoy King.  
*Vice-President,* . . . Henry H. Fay.

*Directors.*

Francis Brinley,	George C. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George G. King,	Henry E. Turner,
Henry G. Marquand,	Charles C. VanZandt.
<i>Treasurer,</i> . . .	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i> . . .	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

The following persons were elected members of the Corporation: Daniel B. Fearing, Howard Smith, Mrs. Sarah T. Wetmore, Arthur B. Emmons, Charles Acton Ives, Ivan N. Paine and Dr. William C. Rives.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall be chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
 Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 17, 1887.

At the last Annual Meeting our efficient President, Dr. Henry E. Turner, declined a re-election, and with much reluctance his declination was accepted.

The Directors have lost during the year by the hand of death two of their valued associates, Messrs. William A. Clarke and Job T. Langley, the latter having been Treasurer of this Corporation since 1875. The Directors passed unanimously suitable resolutions of condolence, which will be appended to this Report.

Through the liberality of Gov. George Peabody Wetmore and others a fourth bookcase was placed in the north-west corner of the large East Room, which gives us much needed space for books.

During the month of March the Treasurer received from the estate of Madame Panon, of Paris, the sum of \$952.50, being the amount of a legacy of \$1000 less a succession tax of \$47.50. Said sum of \$952.50 the Directors voted to deposit in the Newport Savings Bank to the credit of the "General Current Expense Fund."



At a meeting of the Directors on June 13th, 1887, George G. King was elected Treasurer for the rest of the year (Mr. Langley having died on June 12th), and his report is herewith presented.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. From it you will see that the Library has received during the year by donations, 307 books, 344 pamphlets, and by purchase, 279 books. The number of books now in the Library is 32,288. One book has been lost.

The Directors by resolution on June 13, 1887, specially thanked Mr. Henry G. Marquand for his generous gift of three hundred dollars for the binding of books. On July 11th, 1887, the Directors voted to extend the hospitalities of the Library to the "General Society of the Cincinnati," which met in Newport, July 27-29, 1887. A copy of said vote, signed by the President and Secretary, was forwarded to Dr. Henry E. Turner, the Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in Rhode Island, and letters of acceptance and thanks have been received from him and from the General Secretary, Asa Bird Gardner.

The Directors beg respectfully to ask for substantial aid from the stockholders and other friends at this time. It is with the greatest economy that the yearly expenses of this institution can be kept even with its income. The wisest policy would seem to be to increase the General Current Expense Fund which now amounts to \$11,766.76 to \$20,000 if possible, and it is hoped the stockholders will do what they can to further this result.

In closing this report the Directors deem it advisable to quote the following passages from an appeal made in behalf of this institution, dated Oct. 18, 1880, and which was signed by the late Dr. David King and others:—

"This institution, originating from a society formed as early as 1730, by the gentlemen of Newport, having by numerous benefactions been made an efficient means of intellectual improvement, still needs a permanent fund of \$20,000 to place it on the vantage ground with like Libraries in other

communities. \* \* \* \* \* The Directors, seeing no prospect of being re-inforced in our community with large accessions of shareholders in these days of cheap publications and of free libraries, make their appeal to the benevolence and generosity of liberal and public spirited men; friends of the Library, residing within our borders and without. This appeal they make with the more confidence, as the Redwood Library from the distinguished names associated with it in the past, may be justly regarded as a sort of National Institution."

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.

## RESOLUTIONS.

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At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Saturday, May 7th, A. D. 1887, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

RESOLVED, That the death of the venerable William A. Clarke deprives the Redwood Library and Athenæum of the services of an associate whose official connection with the Library possibly antedates that of any living member of its government.

His special interest in this Corporation and a few other local associations was of a two-fold origin, partly inherited from his father, whose memory he ever tenderly cherished, and partly from his conviction that those institutions were essential to the prosperity of Newport.

His happiness seemed to rest upon a triple foundation : first, the serenity of his bachelor home, which was under the parental roof where he lived and died : second, his unswerving attention to the duties incident to the fiscal trusts confided to him, and third, the ministrations of the Unitarian Church, in whose doctrines he had an enthusiastic faith.

Resolved, That as his characteristics always leaned to virtue's side, it is fit and proper that the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum should place on record a testimony of their appreciation of the honorable career of their departed associate.

Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary to Mr. Henry A. Clarke, Newport, R. I., and to Mr. Dumont Clarke, of New York City, they being nephews to our deceased friend, and also that copies be furnished for publication in the *Newport Daily News* and *Newport Mercury*.

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At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Monday, June 13, A. D. 1887, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, Job T. Langley, a Director and long the Treasurer of this Corporation, has in the Providence of God been removed from this life since the last meeting of this Board, and it is fitting and appropriate that we should take such action as may appear to be proper, expressive of our appreciation of the services to this Library of our deceased associate ;

It is therefore Resolved, That in the decease of Mr. Langley this Board of Directors recognize the loss to this Institution of a conscientious, faithful and efficient officer, who as Treasurer and Director has uprightly and wisely discharged all the duties which devolved upon him, and the members of this Board have been deprived of a highly respected and useful associate.

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions be placed upon the Records and that a copy thereof, signed by the President and Secretary, be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

A recapitulation of detailed statement rendered from Aug. 9, 1886, to May 7, 1887.

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LIST OF FUNDS.

U. S. Bond, 4½%, Littlefield Fund,		\$1000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	George G. King Book Fund,	1000.00
" " "	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
" " "	W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	4000.00
" " "	J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	5000.00
Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado, Pacific R. R. 6%, W. F. Weld Book Fund,		
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
" " "	General Current Expense Fund,	7766.76
Mortgage Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	Gen'l Cur. {	1000.00
" " St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 5%,	Ex. Fund. {	2000.00
" " Milw., Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,		1000.00
" " Houston & Texas R. R. 8%, D. King Book Fund,		2000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, D. King Book Fund,		356.84
		<hr/> \$33,070.16





# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the fifth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1886-87.

## ACCESSIONS.

The statistics this year show a falling off in the accessions to the library not only in the number of volumes purchased but also in those given,—the pamphlets being the only item which exhibits an increase. The falling off in purchases is due unfortunately to a partial failure of our book fund, due to overdrawing, by which it became necessary in May last to limit the purchase of books to those already subscribed for, or to those works appearing periodically which formed parts of series or sets. Our annual income for the purchase of books is only about five hundred dollars, supplemented by such gifts or bequests as we may from time to time receive. The most important of these acquired in recent years, the Mercer bequest, is nearly exhausted, and unless the library soon obtains similar aid from the generosity of its friends or patrons the monthly purchase of books will have to be considerably reduced, to the impairment of the usefulness of the library and the disappointment of the shareholders and subscribers. The amount of money derived from the book funds alone is much too small to enable the book committee to buy all the books which such a library as ours should possess,—the reference department especially being in great need of re-

vision and replenishment. The want, therefore, of increased funds for the purchase of books is one of the most imperative, if the library is to keep up its standard of purchase maintained during the past few years.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year :

No. of volumes in the library, August 17, 1886,	. . . . .	31,700
No. of volumes added by purchase,	. . . . .	279
No. of volumes added by donation,	. . . . .	307
No. of volumes added by exchange of duplicates,	. . . . .	2
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Total in the library, August 17, 1887,	. . . . .	32,288
Pamphlets added,	. . . . .	344
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	. . . . .	107

#### CIRCULATION.

The liberal policy in the purchase of books maintained by the book committee during the past year has been justified by the largely increased circulation, which, as shown by the subjoined table, considerably exceeds that of any previous year of which we have record. Had it not been for the unavoidable limitation to the purchase of books during the past three months, alluded to above, the figures for the annual circulation would have been still higher. This increase is particularly gratifying as showing a greater interest in the library and an elevation in the general taste of the readers, since all the books bought were, thanks to the care and discrimination of the book committee, of the higher and better class of literature. The use of books within the library has shown a proportionate increase, though no record has been kept of the number thus used. While a large part of the extra-mural circulation has been in the department of fiction and juveniles, and in periodicals, which are largely taken out for the sake of the fiction contained therein, there has yet been a notable increase in other departments, particularly in biography, essays, poetry and literary history. One of the principal causes of this increase in biographical and lit-

erary subjects has undoubtedly been the courses of study pursued last winter by the Nineteenth Century, Half-hour and Unity clubs. As might be expected fiction forms the larger part of the circulation, it being 56% of the whole.

The subjoined table gives the numbers of volumes in each department issued during the year ; and as a result of a new system of charging introduced last January it is possible to give the circulation in each department for each month since then.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534

## CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	42
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	159
C.	Biography,	781
D.	History,	555
E.	Description and travels,	348
F.	Social and political science,	45
G.	Natural science,	91
H.	Useful arts (including Medicine),	10
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	53
J.	Literature :	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	362
Jb.	Classical writers,	71
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	435
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	751
Je.	Letters,	61
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	14
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5389
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	197
K.	Literary history,	120
L.	Language,	11
M.	Miscellaneous,	39
	Total,	9,534

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	Total
To Jan. 10, 1887,	27	110	403	282	202	12	50	4	32	185	26	183	328	17	8	2333	96	58	9	25	4390
January, .	2	3	48	38	13	6	1	2	8	11	4	45	55	1	5	326	18	11	—	—	597
February, .	1	4	47	49	28	6	7	—	1	34	8	56	58	4	—	416	23	5	—	1	748
March, .	5	7	75	40	32	10	8	—	1	39	4	37	73	8	—	532	16	9	1	2	899
April, .	2	10	57	35	17	1	5	—	3	11	8	36	64	13	1	434	13	8	1	3	722
May, .	1	5	45	27	17	4	3	2	4	29	7	35	66	4	—	395	12	7	—	4	667
June, .	1	11	44	40	21	5	6	1	—	31	5	26	53	11	—	469	9	10	—	2	745
July, .	3	9	62	44	18	1	11	1	4	22	9	17	54	3	—	484	10	12	—	2	766
Total, :	42	159	781	555	348	45	91	10	53	362	71	435	751	61	14	5389	197	120	11	39	9534

## BINDING.

Since the last annual report no binding has been done, save of a few books in constant circulation which needed immediate attention, owing to lack of means. It is a pleasure now to report that Mr. H. G. Marquand, to whose generosity in the past the library is indebted for much of its binding, has again kindly offered to pay for the binding and rebinding of such periodicals and books as most need it. The aid thus furnished is extremely welcome, as the usefulness of the library and the safety of its volumes depend so largely upon the proper preservation of its books. It is hoped that other friends of the library may be induced to follow Mr. Marquand's example and thus enable us to put into covers many of our sets of less used periodicals which hitherto have been left unbound.

## CATALOGUING.

In his report for the previous year the librarian pointed out the necessity there was for a complete card catalogue of the whole library, and showed how utterly impossible it was for him, in view of the increasing cares of administration, to accomplish this work alone. The remarks and recommendations then made still hold true, indeed with even more force as the circulation of books increases, and render it in the highest degree imperative that means be found whereby a full catalogue of the library may be made. Last winter a committee was appointed to take into consideration the practicability of raising a sum of money sufficient to have a card and printed catalogue of the library made, but owing to lack of response to the appeals of the committee the money unfortunately has not yet been raised. During the past year the cataloguing of fiction has been carried on in such time as the librarian has been able to spare from his executive duties, and about two-thirds of the books in that department have been catalogued and class-marked. During the same period my assistant, Mr. Hopkins, has made a preliminary author list on cards of the books on social and political science.

## ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Notwithstanding the additional shelf-room afforded by the erection of the new shelves mentioned in the report for last year, the library is in some departments still somewhat crowded; one of the new cases in the East Room being entirely filled with U. S. Government publications to the detriment of some other departments which are more used and for which this case is really needed. Recognizing the desirability of more shelf-room for the proper accommodation of our books, Gov. G. P. Wetmore, to whose liberality the library was largely indebted last year, has offered to contribute one hundred dollars toward the construction of a gallery on the east side of the Reading Room, similar to the one built by Mr. G. G. King year before last. The hope is expressed that Mr. Wetmore's generous offer may be supplemented by contributions from others, so that this desirable addition to our shelf-room may be made during the coming autumn or winter.

Last winter, after more than a year's experience with the old system of book charging, the librarian became convinced that it was entirely inadequate to the needs of the library, and early in January a change was made to a combined ledger and slip system. This system is similar to that used at Harvard College and some other libraries in the country. The books are charged on slips, which are dated by stamp, and thrown into a box to be posted in the ledger whenever the assistant has time. After posting, the slips are arranged alphabetically by the title or class-mark in a box with movable divisions for each week. When the books are returned the slips are taken from their places, dated again and put into the box to be crossed off from the ledger, or posted again in case of renewal, later in the day. Of course the charges and discharges for each day are made before the work of the succeeding day begins. The disadvantage of this system is that it takes a little longer to find the slips of books returned than it did to turn to the ledger page and cross them off. The advantages on the other hand, which largely outweigh this disadvantage, are that the slips show

where any given book is, when it is overdue, and how many books are in circulation at any given time; while the ledger account shows the number of books each person has, and what books they have had.

So great has been the inconvenience occasioned by the yearly increasing number of sight-seers and excursionists who crowd the library, especially in the summer months, to the interruption of the work of the librarian and his assistant, and to the annoyance of the readers and students in the library, that it was found necessary to limit the time during which visitors, unless accompanied by, or bearing a note of introduction from, a proprietor could be admitted. Accordingly by a vote of the Directors at their monthly meeting in July, the hours for visitors were put at from 12 o'clock m. to 2 o'clock p. m. The beneficial effect of this restriction is already shown in the increased quiet of the library and reading room and in the presence of a larger number of readers.

Last spring Miss S. M. Spooner of Philadelphia deposited in the library a loan collection of ten paintings, four bronzes, two plaques and three Savonarola chairs, to be held by the library during her absence in Europe.

Since the last annual report two volumes belonging to the library have been lost, one of which has been replaced by the loser.

The librarian deems it proper to state in this place that much of the success in the general administration of the affairs of the library, and particularly in the delivery department, has been due to the judgment, care and effective co-operation of his assistant, Mr. S. T. Hopkins.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.



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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY,

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, A. D. 1888.



The one hundred and fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th, A. D. 1888, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. A. O'D. Taylor was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports, with a list of the stockholders, and a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Francis Brinley,	Henry G. Marquand,
Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Henry E. Turner.

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation: Mrs. J. R. Auchincloss, William L. Chase, Henry A. Clarke, Ellen Cornell, Carrie W. Crandall, Mrs. Mary Ann Hazard, Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall be chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 15, 1888.

There has been no material change in the affairs of the Institution since the last report. The Library continues to be a useful and attractive resort for our residents and also for those strangers who care to avail themselves of its privileges.

In October last the Treasurer received the following communication from Mr. Mason.

“Newport, R. I., Oct. 14, 1887.

GEORGE GORDON KING, ESQ.,

Treasurer of the Redwood Library.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the instructions of the Directors of the Redwood Library, I have sold for the benefit of the Library the two shares of the Capital Stock of the Newport Reading Room held by the Library, for the sum of \$350, of which sum I have paid Noah Redford \$5 for the service he rendered me in the matter, and enclosed you will find a check for the balance of \$345. It is my wish that the above statement of the transaction be placed on record.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE C. MASON.”

On Nov. 14, 1887, Mr. Mason on behalf of the Executors of the Estate of the late Miss Rebecca Hunter, presented to the Library the silver snuff box of Judge Edward Scott, one of the original founders of the Library.

The Directors are pleased to announce the very valuable gift of H. H. Bancroft's "History of the Pacific States and Territories" in 39 volumes, presented to the Library by Edward F. Northam, and they voted that the following acknowledgement of the gift be placed on record and that a copy be sent to Mr. Northam's Executor.

ROBERT E. NORTHAM, ESQ.,

Dear Sir: Your letter advising the Librarian of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, that the late Edward F. Northam had arranged previous to his sudden death to send a copy of Bancroft's History of California to this Institution, as a mark of interest in his native city, was duly received, and the volumes of the work already issued have been received and placed in the Library, where they attract the attention they justly merit.

The older members of the Board of Directors were personally acquainted with Mr. Northam, having known him during his residence in Newport in his early years; and with their associates appreciate this kindly expression of interest in the Institution that is dear to the heart of every Newporter at home or abroad.

And to you, Sir, personally, the Board desire to extend their thanks for so promptly carrying out the wishes of the donor, and the care you have had in forwarding the several volumes that have already appeared.

With tokens of high respect,

LEROY KING, President.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., Secretary.

The Library is once more indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books.

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented and from it,

it will be seen that it is only with the greatest economy that the expenses of the Institution are kept even with its income.

The Directors once more express the hope that the friends of the Library will increase the General Current Expense Fund which now amounts to \$11,818.36 to \$20,000.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. The Library has received during the year by donations 478 books, 915 pamphlets, and by purchase 310 books.

The number of books now in the Library is 33,327. One paper covered book has been lost.

The Directors regret to announce that Mr. Bliss' efficient assistant Mr. Hopkins has decided to sever his connection with the Library as he is about to remove to Fall River. He has proved a most competent and courteous official and his place will be hard to fill.

In closing this report it is pleasant to note that no vacancy has occurred in the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.



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REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENAEUM, in account with GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer.

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A Recapitulation of Detailed Accounts Rendered.

1887.	By balance of old account,	\$473.38	1888.	Aug. 15.	By payments Library Book Account,	\$605.81
August.			" "	" "	Weld Fiction Account,	143.18
1888.			Aug. 15.	" "	Mercer Book Account,	143.95
Aug. 15.	By received for 173 Taxes,	\$865.00	" "	" "	Incidental Account,	604.38
" "	" " for Subscriptions,	225.30	" "	" "	Salaries,	1200.00
" "	" " for Fines,	43.39	" "	" "	deposit in Savings Bank to General Current Expense Fund,	51.60
						\$748.92
" "	By dividends J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	200.00	" "	Balance credited to New Accounts :		
" "	" " William S. Rogers Book Fund,	160.00	" "	Library Book Account,	\$355.01	
" "	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	40.00	" "	Weld Fiction Account,	4.80	
" "	" " George G. King Book Fund,	40.00	" "	Mercer Book Account,	298.51	
			" "	Incidental Account,	47.22	
" "	By received Special Share Fund,	237.84				705.54
" "	" " General Current Expense Fund,	544.35				
" "	" " Coupons to Library Book Account,	105.00				\$3454.46
" "	" " from sale of 2 shares in Newport Reading Room,	345.00				
" "	" " from sale of 2 shares of Redwood Library,	50.00		August 15, 1888, By Balance of Old Account,		\$705.54
" "	" " donation of H. G. Marquand, Esq., for binding books,	125.00		Newport, R. I., Aug. 15, 1888.		
					GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer.	
		1407.19				
		<u>\$3454.46</u>				

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.		
1 U. S. Bond, 4½%, Littlefield Fund,	George G. King Book Fund,	\$1000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
" " " "	W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
" " " "	J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	4000.00
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1 Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,		1000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
" " " "	General Current Expense Fund,	7818.36
1 Mortgage Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	Gen'l Cur. Ex. Fund.	1000.00
" " St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 5½%,		2000.00
1 " " Milw., Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,		1000.00
1 " " Houston & Texas R. R. 8%,		2000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, D. King Book Fund,		378.64
		<u>\$33,143.56</u>

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and find them correct.

J. H. COZZENS, }  
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, Jr., } Auditing Committee.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 15, 1888.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the sixth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1887-88.

### ACCESSIONS.

The accessions this year show a slight gain in the number of books bought, over those purchased last year, and a very considerable gain in the number of pamphlets and periodicals received. Unfortunately, owing to causes referred to in the last annual report, the number of books purchased will hence forth have to be considerably reduced, and that especially in a department in which the reduction will be most quickly felt—namely fiction. The treasurer has notified the Book-committee that the gift of \$1000 from Mr. William F. Weld which for several years past has been used for the purchase of fiction is now exhausted. Unless therefore the library is again a beneficiary of some like generous friend, the purchase of works of fiction will have to be practically suspended—a result which, judging from the general demand for this class of literature will cause considerable disappointment to the proprietors and subscribers. The Mercer bequest is likewise nearly exhausted and when this sum is entirely used up,—as it is likely to be in a very few months, the purchase of books, and particularly of books of the better and more expensive class, will have to be still further reduced. That this will be a most serious blow to the

value and usefulness of the library cannot be doubted. During the past year the Book-committee has exercised great discretion in its purchases in order to husband as far as possible our resources, without largely altering the liberal policy they have pursued in the past in relation to the purchase of books. But even economy cannot long delay the exhaustion of the Mercer bequest, and it is apparent that in order to meet the reasonable demands of our reading public it is highly desirable not only that the purchase of books—especially of standard books—should not be allowed to fall off, but on the contrary should be increased to meet the increased demand which has shown itself during the past four or five years, as may be seen by referring to the table of comparative circulation. This result can only be attained by an addition to our book funds which shall considerably increase the income now used for this purpose, or by direct gifts such as was the case with the Mercer bequest and the Weld donation. Prominent among the accessions of the past year should be mentioned the valuable gift last Christmas of H. H. Bancroft's voluminous History of the Pacific States, bound in full Russia and gilt, from Mr. Edward F. Northam of San Francisco, who, it is to be regretted, died shortly after having made arrangements for placing this work in our library.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year:

No. of volumes in the library, August 17, 1887, .	32,288
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . .	310
No. of volumes added by donation, . . .	478
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	251
Total in the library, August 15, 1888, .	33,327
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	915
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . .	693

#### CIRCULATION.

A glance at the subjoined table of comparative circulation

will show a slight falling off this year in the number of books issued for home use, although the total is still much higher than in preceding years. If the table showing the circulation by departments is compared with that printed in last year's report it will be seen that description and travels, social and political science, natural science, useful arts, unbound periodicals and fiction are the only departments which show an appreciable gain. The marked falling off in history is undoubtedly owing to the fact that the Eighteenth Century Club which in 1886-7 made a specialty of historical studies was not in session during the past winter. The relatively large increase in the circulation of unbound periodicals is probably due to the fact that several new magazines have been added to the library, and to the gift of most of the current numbers of Lippincott's magazine—which periodical has had a wide circulation among our readers presumably on account of the fiction it contains. Indeed three-fourths of the total circulation of periodicals ought, in justice, to be added to the fiction account. Fiction and juveniles also shows an increase which may be attributed to a rather larger purchase this year of works of this class. The circulation of fiction this year is 61% of the whole, as against 56% last year. The number of books consulted in the library is about the same as in the previous year. This use of the library could be made much more satisfactory, both to students and to the librarian, were the many needed additions made to our reference department. Books of this class are usually expensive and the book funds of the library do not permit the necessary additions to be made from that source; but it is unquestionable that the efficiency of the library would be vastly increased had we the means to extend it in this direction.

The following tables give the comparative total circulation by years, the circulation this year by departments, and the circulation of each department for each month of the year.

## COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534	9,198

## CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	32
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	106
C.	Biography,	611
D.	History,	378
E.	Description and travels,	360
F.	Social and political science,	68
G.	Natural science,	100
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	30
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	43
J.	Literature :	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	289
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	42
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	229
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	1038
Je.	Letters,	62
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	3
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5569
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	130
K.	Literary history,	96
L.	Language,	3
M.	Miscellaneous,	9
	Total,	9,198

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	Total
August, '87,	—	11	62	33	21	2	10	3	—	29	5	20	80	10	—	435	9	16	1	—	747
September,	5	21	65	31	35	5	9	3	5	37	5	13	102	8	1	482	13	10	—	—	850
October, .	2	8	39	29	40	4	7	2	6	18	2	23	82	6	1	485	7	16	—	2	779
November,	1	10	50	22	31	4	6	—	4	25	6	11	118	6	1	449	9	12	—	1	766
December,	2	6	49	23	18	4	6	—	2	16	5	11	57	2	—	400	12	4	1	—	618
January, '88,	—	7	30	24	20	6	8	—	6	25	2	12	58	2	—	426	7	6	—	1	640
February, .	2	10	53	18	28	7	6	—	5	19	3	16	113	4	—	412	5	5	—	—	706
March, .	5	3	52	32	28	7	6	3	6	21	4	28	70	3	—	478	7	7	—	2	762
April, .	1	9	44	26	33	6	6	4	2	25	3	21	99	1	—	398	13	7	—	—	698
May, .	2	6	52	42	39	—	12	5	2	28	1	20	89	2	—	433	10	4	—	—	747
June, .	6	8	58	51	29	8	14	5	2	16	6	24	92	6	—	565	20	4	1	1	915
July, .	6	7	57	47	38	15	10	5	3	30	—	30	78	12	—	607	18	5	—	2	970
Total, .	32	106	611	378	360	68	100	30	43	289	42	229	1038	62	3	5569	130	96	3	9	9198

## CATALOGUING.

For several years past the librarian has called attention in each annual report to the urgent necessity there is for a new and complete catalogue of the library. It is now twenty-eight years since the library was thoroughly catalogued, and during that time more than 22,000 volumes have been added to the shelves, for the greater part of which the only record that exists is the accessions book. As has been previously stated a few of the departments have a preliminary card catalogue, but, with the exception of fiction and American literature, which are finally catalogued, the books have no class-marks showing where they may be found. Furthermore the absence of suitable catalogue cases prevents these cards from being accessible to the public and renders them at present practically useless. The labour consequently entailed upon the librarian and his assistant in keeping track of the location of the different books, and in finding any required book even if the memory proves trustworthy, as it by no means always does, is very great. The general service of the library makes such demands upon the time of the officers of the library that it is often impossible to find an "out of the way" book when wanted, or to properly aid the readers by hunting up references to the subject they may be interested in. Thus, it will be seen, much inconvenience results to readers and special students from the lack of a classified catalogue to which they can themselves refer for the subjects upon which they desire information, or from the unavoidable delay which often takes place in finding books other than those in current circulation.

No one more feels the need of such a help as a catalogue alone can give than the librarian, and the mortification and vexation he experiences in not being able to help students to just the books they need, or in not being able to find books which are known to be in the library, is very great. A card catalogue with the proper class-marks is just as necessary to a library of any size as tools are to a mechanic, an index to a book, or an alphabetical arrangement to a dictionary. Unfortunately the library funds do not afford the means of having



one made; the time of the librarian is so fully occupied in the general administration that but little work of this sort can be expected of him, and therefore any aid of this sort must come from the outside. A most urgent appeal is again made to the friends and proprietors of the library to help us in this very manifest need. A small contribution from each shareholder and subscriber,—and who are more interested in this matter than these—would enable us to have a card, and if desirable a printed, catalogue made before the next annual meeting.

Since the last annual report the librarian has finished the fiction card catalogue, and Mr. Hopkins has made a manuscript author catalogue from the cards, to be used in the fiction room until such time as we shall be able to put the cards themselves in cases open to the public.

#### BINDING.

During the past year 251 volumes of current periodicals have been bound and 175 books rebound. The library being unable to devote any portion of its limited means to this purpose owes this aid to the generosity of Mr. H. G. Marquand whose gift was mentioned in last year's report. It is with gratification that the librarian is able to announce that Mr. Marquand has this summer again renewed his gift, and promised the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be used for binding purposes. By means of this very practical help it is expected that at the close of the year, most of the periodicals, except some of the weekly serials, will be bound. Many of these have long been accumulating in numbers and their preservation in covers will not only add to their accessibility, but preserve them from injury. There is still a large number of books in the library that need rebinding and any assistance like that so kindly given by Mr. Marquand will be gratefully appreciated.

#### ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

It is with regret that the librarian reports that the attempt to raise by private subscription the sum of five hundred dollars

for the construction of a gallery on the east side of a reading room has not so far been successful, only \$256 of the whole amount having been subscribed. Although the need of more room is not always apparent upon a cursory glance, since it has not yet become necessary to pile the books upon the floor, the want is no less a real one. Owing to lack of sufficient shelf-room a proper arrangement of the books cannot yet be made. Natural science is divided pretty nearly in the middle, one half being in the Reading-room and the other half in the east-room. A similar divorce in European history has been necessitated; books on English history being quite as isolated from those of the rest of Europe as England herself is, geographically, from her neighbours. The cases containing the Latin and Greek classics are overcrowded, with no place to which to move them; and the same is true of several other departments. Additional shelf-room would enable the librarian to make a much more orderly and systematic arrangement of the books in the library. For several years it has been the librarian's desire to have all the books for children collected and arranged in one part of the library where they can be readily seen and consulted. At present they are mixed with other works on the subject upon which they treat, and are thus distributed throughout the library. But however desirable the formation of such a children's library may be, it cannot be done with the present shelf-accommodations and until the new gallery is built, or some other means provided, the plan for a juvenile collection must remain *in embryo*.

Four books have been reported lost, three of which have been replaced by the loser, and two volumes missing for several years have been restored.

No change has been made in the general administration of the library except that necessitated by the withdrawal of the assistant in charge, Mr. S. T. Hopkins, whose painstaking care, accuracy, and efficiency during the time he was connected with the library cannot be too highly commended.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

## List of Periodicals taken, 1887-88.

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| American gas light journal. <i>From the publisher.</i> | Library journal.   |
| American journal of archaeology.                       | Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>                    |
| American journal of science.                           | Literary world.  |
| American naturalist.                                   | Littell's living age.  |
| Appalachia. <i>From Mrs. M. E. Mac-</i>                | London times. (Weekly ed.)                                   |
| Kaye.  | Macmillan's magazine.  |
| Art amateur.   | Magazine of American history.                                |
| Atlantic monthly.                                      | Martha's Vineyard herald. <i>From the publisher.</i>         |
| Blackwood's magazine. (Amer. ed.)                      | Messenger of peace. <i>From the publisher.</i>               |
| Boston daily advertiser.                               | Narragansett historical register. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Buchanan's journal. <i>From Geo. H. Calvert.</i>       | Nation. <i>From the publisher.</i>                           |
| Catalogue U. S. Gov't. publications.                   | New Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>             |
| Century.   | New England hist. and geneal. register.                      |
| Civil service reformer. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>      | New York evening post.                                       |
| Coöperative index to periodicals.                      | New York geneal. and biogr. record.                          |
| Critic.  | New York times.  |
| Edinburgh review. (Amer. ed.)                          | New York tribune.  |
| English historical review.                             | Newport daily news. <i>From the publisher.</i>               |
| English illustrated magazine.                          | Newport journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>                  |
| Forum.   | Newport mercury. <i>From the publisher.</i>                  |
| Garden and forest.                                     | North American review.                                       |
| Gentleman's magazine.                                  | Notes and queries. (London.)                                 |
| Good words.  | Our dumb animals. <i>From the publisher.</i>                 |
| Harper's magazine.                                     | Path. <i>Anonymous gift.</i>                                 |
| Harper's weekly.                                       | Popular science monthly. <i>From Geo. H. Calvert.</i>        |
| Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>               | Popular science news.  |
| Illustrated London news.                               | Providence daily journal.                                    |
| Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>           | Publishers circular.   |
| Journal of education.                                  | Publishers weekly.   |
| Journal of the Franklin Institute.                     |  |
| Journal de Genève. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>      |  |

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| Punch.                                      | Transactions R. I. Medical Society.          |
| Quarterly review. (Amer. ed.)               | <i>From the Society.</i>                     |
| Revue des deux mondes.                      | Travelers record. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Religio-philosophical journal. <i>From</i>  | Trinity Church messenger. <i>From the</i>    |
| <i>the publisher.</i>                       | <i>publisher.</i>                            |
| Science.                                    | Unitarian review. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Scientific American.                        | U. S. Patent Office gazette. <i>From the</i> |
| Scottish review. (Amer. ed.)                | U. S. Patent Office.                         |
| Scribner's magazine.                        | Unity. <i>From the publisher.</i>            |
| Technological quarterly. <i>From Dr.</i>    | Voice. <i>From the publisher.</i>            |
| W. Gibbs.                                   | Westerly Narragansett weekly. <i>From</i>    |
| Textile man'f'g world. <i>From the pub-</i> | <i>the publisher.</i>                        |
| <i>lisher.</i>                              | Westminster review. (Amer. ed.)              |

# List of Donors to the Library.

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- Almon, A. B., 6 vols.  
 American Colonization Society, 3 pphs.  
 American New Church Publication Society, 2 pphs.  
 Ames, J. G., 1 pph.  
 Anderson, Miss M. M., 6 photographs, 71 vols.  
 Bailey, Miss A., 1 vol.  
 Bailey, Prof. W. W., 1 pph.  
 Baltimore Peabody Institute, 1 pph.  
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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

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## CHARTER.

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### COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

*To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.*

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible ; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning ; which they have accordingly done, &c. : whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their

Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law ; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise ; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever ; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels ; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs ; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport ; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and

authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor.

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*.



## The Charter as amended in 1856.

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An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company; viz :—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, or the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors; or upon request,

made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect

for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14. *The President.* He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors.*—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regu-

lations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for ; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove ; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company ; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year ; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary*.—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the

Company ; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year ; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

## Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1861.

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An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

## Amendment to the Charter passed at the January session, A. D. 1867.

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An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.



## REGULATIONS.

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1. The Library and Reading-room shall be kept open on such days and at such hours as the Directors may designate.

2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the name of the Library; and, if presented, shall have inscribed in them the names of the givers, unless otherwise requested.

3. Each person entitled to the privileges of the Library shall be allowed to take out any three volumes at a time; which may be kept out two weeks. Of a set of books, he may take, at any time, two volumes. Three numbers of any weekly, and two numbers of any monthly, periodical shall be counted as one book.

4. If any person shall detain a book over the time allowed, he shall pay, as a fine, one cent for every day's detention of such book for two weeks, and five cents a day for every day thereafter, and, if it shall not be returned within twenty days after demand made in writing therefor by the Librarian, he shall pay the value of the book, or of the set to which it belongs,—the value to be estimated by the Directors.

5. Any person who shall soil or damage or lose a book belonging to the Library shall be liable to such fine as the Directors may impose: or shall pay the value of the book, or of the set, if it be part of a set, as the Directors may elect.

6. Any person entitled to books may enter his name



with the Librarian for any book then out, and shall be entitled thereon to receive such book when returned. But no name shall be entered at any one time for more than one book, or two volumes of a set; nor shall more than one name be entered at the same time for the same book: and such book shall be reserved for only one library-day.

7. No book shall be delivered to any one but a stockholder, or a member of his immediate family, or upon a stockholder's written order, except as provided for in Article 20: and no person shall take a book from the Library, except at the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant; to either of whom only shall such book be returned.

8. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves, whenever he may deem such removal improper.

9. No book belonging to the Library shall be lent by any person taking the same, under the penalty of one dollar.

10. The Librarian shall carefully examine all books returned; and shall, at the time, note any damage done to them, in a book kept for that purpose, in which he shall keep an account of all violations of the regulations relating to the Institution.

11. The Directors may, on special occasions, at their discretion, authorize individuals, not connected with the Institution, to use the Library, under such restrictions as they shall impose.

12. Any person who shall violate any of these regulations shall be liable to forfeit his right to the privileges of the Institution for one year; or for a less time, as the Directors shall determine.

13. All books shall be returned to the Library at such times as the Directors may order, when a careful examination of the Library shall be made; and any person who shall fail to conform to such an order shall be liable to a fine of one dollar.

14. Books belonging to the Library may be used in the Reading-room. Any person desiring to use books in the

Reading-room shall be furnished with a card, on which he shall designate the book or books asked for, by stating the letter of the shelf and the number of the book on the shelf, and the volume or volumes (all which can be learned from the Catalogue); and this card, which must be presented when a book is asked for to be used in the Reading-room, will be retained as long as the owner retains the books; but no book, so received, shall be taken from the Reading-room.

15. Each pamphlet or periodical used in the Reading-room shall be returned to its place by the person using it; and all books used there shall be returned to the Librarian or to his Assistant.

16. All conversation and all conduct, inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading-room, are absolutely prohibited. Infraction of this rule will incur the penalty of future exclusion.

17. No books shall be taken from the shelves by any person not employed in the Library, except such as are deposited in the Reading-room for reference.

18. Any stockholder may introduce a friend to the Reading-room, for a day.

19. Any person, with permission of the Directors, may deposit books, or other works of art, in the Library, to remain there for use or otherwise, as the owners may direct; which shall be under the same care and regulations as the property of the Institution, but without devolving any responsibility on the Company.

20. Under the foregoing Regulations, any persons (though not stockholders) having a temporary residence in the city, with the consent of the Directors, may have the use of the Library and Reading-room by paying therefor six dollars, in advance, for the season, and depositing with the Librarian twenty dollars; which deposit shall be restored on the return of all books taken out, and the payment of any fines which have been incurred by the depositor. The Directors, however, in their discretion, may dispense with the deposit.

21. All books, when first introduced into the Library, by purchase or gift, shall remain one week on the table before being put into circulation.





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**SECRETARY:**

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM GILPIN,

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F. W. TILTON.

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HENRY G. MARQUAND,  
THEODORE K. GIBBS.

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON.

## ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

F. W. TILTON,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, A. D. 1889.

The one hundred and fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 21st, A. D. 1889, at three o'clock, p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present in person or by proxy. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports with a list of the stockholders, and a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Arthur B. Emmons,	Henry G. Marquand,
George W. Gibbs,	George C. Mason,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
William Gilpin,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins.
Henry E. Turner.	

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation : George H. Richardson, Ralph R. Barker, George A. Littlefield, and F. Augustus Ward.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., John H. Cozzens and Thomas P. Peckham be a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.



The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 21, 1889.

The Directors are pained to announce the deaths during the year of two former Presidents of this Institution: that of Mr. James Eddy Mauran occurring in November last, and that of the Hon. Francis Brinley who passed away in his eighty-ninth year on the fourteenth of June.

In the annual Report of 1883-84 the following reference is made to Mr. Mauran on the occasion of his resignation from the Presidency: "In view of the devotion and diligence of Mr. Mauran in prosecuting his duties the Directors take leave to recommend to the Corporation the expressions of their obligations to him."

In Mr. Brinley the Library loses one of its most active and valued officers: he rarely omitted to attend the monthly meetings of the Directors, who can ill spare the counsels of a man of such integrity, wisdom and culture.

The Directors unanimously passed suitable resolutions of sympathy, which were sent to the families of the deceased and which will be appended to this Report.

The Library is again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books.

The Directors are pleased to announce that they have learned that the late Hon. George H. Calvert has by his last will bequeathed his collection of books under certain restrictions to the Library.

Last Autumn a few friends of this Institution contributed the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars towards the expense of cataloguing the books: as a result of this Mrs. Bliss, the wife of our esteemed Librarian, has been able to catalogue during the past eight and a half months three thousand eight hundred and eighty-three books.

This much has therefore been accomplished and is a move in the right direction; and it is hoped that a similar amount of money or more will soon be raised in order to continue this work during the year to come. Under this system cataloguing will necessarily be slow, but would seem to be sure for the yearly sum required is not a large one.

Will not other friends contribute something to this work?

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented, and on examination, it will be seen that the Library's income barely meets its expenses. The Directors regret to announce that their Treasurer, Mr. George Gordon King, by reason of his absence in Europe, has resigned his position.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. The Library has received during the year by donation 442 books, 407 pamphlets, and by purchase 436 books.

The number of books now in the Library is 34,261.

The hospitalities of this Institution were extended to the American Medical Association at their annual meeting here in June.

Three volumes of H. H. Bancroft's work, "History of the Pacific States," have been received since the last annual meeting.

In closing this report the hope is expressed that through



the liberality of the Library's friends the General Current Expense Fund may be materially increased during the next twelve months.

It is pleasant to remark that the Librarian's new assistant, Mr. F. H. Holt, has given very general satisfaction during the year.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.

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## Redwood Library and Athenæum, in account with George Gordon King, Treasurer.

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## A Recapitulation of Detailed Accounts Rendered.

1888.	Aug. 15.	By balance of old account,	.	.	.	\$705.54	1889.	Aug. 21.	To payments	Library Book Account,	.	.	\$894.97
1889.	Aug. 21.	By received for 174 Taxes,	.	.	.	870.00		" 21.	"	Weld Fiction Account,	.	.	4.80
" 21.	"	" " for Subscriptions,	.	.	.	129.07		" 21.	"	Mercer Book Account,	.	.	227.98
" 21.	"	" " for Fines,	.	.	.	42.70		" 21.	"	Incidental Account,	.	.	1010.54
" 21.	"	" " for loss of Book,	.	.	.	.95		" 21.	"	Salaries,	.	.	1200.00
" 21.	"	By dividends J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	.	.	.	200.00		" 21.	"	for one bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, par value \$1000,	.	.	1051.25
" 21.	"	" " William S. Rogers Book Fund,	.	.	.	160.00		Aug. 21.	Balance credited to New Account:			4389.54	
" 21.	"	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	.	.	.	40.00			Library Book Account,	.	\$236.61		
" 21.	"	" " George G. King Book Fund,	.	.	.	40.00			Mercer Book Account,	.	70.53		
" 21.	"	By dividends Special Share Fund,	.	.	.	237.84			Incidental,	.	36.10		
" 21.	"	" " General Current Expense Fund,	.	.	.	542.72						343.24	
" 21.	"	By Coupons to Library Book Account,	.	.	.	122.50		Aug. 21.	By Balance to New Account,	.	.	\$4732.78	
" 21.	"	By Donation from H. G. Marquand, Esq, for binding books.	.	.	.	250.00			Newport, R. I., Aug. 21, 1889.	.	.	\$343.24	
" 21.	"	By Donation account Catalogue,	.	.	.	275.00			GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer.				
" 21.	"	By Donation,	.	.	.	25.00							
" 21.	"	By received for 1 U. S. 4 1/2% Bond sold,	.	.	.	1089.37							
" 21.	"	By cash discount on Gas Bill,	.	.	.	1.02							
" 21.	"	By error,	.	.	.	.07							
" 21.	"	Draft drawn Feb. 8, 1888, has never been presented for collection,	.	.	.	1.00							
						\$4732.78							

## MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

1	Oregon Railway & Navigation 5% Bond, Littlefield Fund,	\$1000.00
1	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, George G. King Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	4000.00
"	" " J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	5000.00
1	Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado & Pacific 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1000.00
1	Deposit in Savings " " Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
"	" " General Current Expense Fund,	
1	Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%, Gen. Current	781.36
2	" " St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 5%, Expense	1000.00
1	" " Milw. Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%, Fund.	2000.00
2	" " Houston & Texas R. R. 8%, D. King Book Fund,	1000.00
2	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, D. King Book Fund,	393.92
		\$33,158.84

Newport, R. I., Aug 21, 1889.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and find them correct.

J. H. COZZENS,  
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., { Auditing Committee.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY ;

*Gentlemen :* I have the honor to submit herewith the seventh annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1888-89.

The accessions to the library this year exhibit a falling off, in the number of books received, of about one hundred volumes. This is owing rather to the fact that not nearly so many volumes of periodicals were bound, than to any diminution in the number of books purchased, which, indeed, is larger by more than a hundred volumes than it was last year. The number of books added by donation remains about the same, but the number of pamphlets and periodicals is considerably less. In the department of fiction fewer books have been acquired by purchase than during previous years when we had the Weld fund to draw upon, all fiction now being charged to the regular book funds which are insufficient to warrant a large expenditure for this class of reading. It is probable that during the coming year a still further reduction in the number of purchases will become necessary since the Mercer bequest, which has been so serviceable for the past six years is now expended. This gift of Dr. Mercer's has proved a most valuable addition to the resources of the library and has enabled the book-committee to purchase many works of standard value

the expense of which would otherwise have been too great for our regular funds.

Much as the library needs books of reference, no part of the Mercer bequest has been used for this purpose, it having been the desire of the donor that the money should be expended for standard works adapted to general circulation. The whole number of volumes derived from this source is over four hundred, and now that the library no longer has this fund to draw upon the purchase of such books must necessarily be limited. We have now an excellent collection of standard current literature, thanks to the judicious purchases of the book-committee, and it will be unfortunate if they are obliged to curtail in any degree their expenditures. Not only is there a want of an increase in the general book funds, but the Reference department needs many purchases to keep it up to date. As works of this class are generally expensive but little can be done toward this purchase with the income from the regular book funds.

Through donation and purchase the number of periodicals placed in the reading-room during the past year has been considerably increased.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year:

No. of volumes in the library, August 15, 1888, .	33,327
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . .	436
No. of volumes added by donation, . . .	442
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	56
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Total in the library, August 21, 1889, .	34,261
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	407
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . .	462

From the table of comparative circulation below it appears that during the past year there has been no falling off in the number of books issued for home use, but, on the contrary, an increase. As the number of users of the library has remained about the same for several years the increase

since 1886 would seem to point to a natural correlation between the circulation and the number of books purchased. Undoubtedly the figures for circulation would run much higher if the means of the library permitted a larger expenditure for books. As usual the issue of works of fiction greatly exceeds that of other classes though the number of books given out in this department is about five hundred less than last year. It is noteworthy that, though the total circulation has increased, the percentage of fiction has fallen to 54% as against 61% the year before. The result of the reduction in the number of books purchased in this department has not affected the total circulation as was expected in view of the fact that so many users of the library are novel-readers, but we find that a decrease in the circulation of fiction is offset by a corresponding increase in other departments. This may be owing either to the fact that many entertaining works of a more solid character have been provided for the reading public or that the run of fiction for the year has been less attractive. Judging from the omnivorous appetite of the average novel reader the Librarian is scarcely inclined to attribute the result noted to the latter cause. The reading of novels when not carried to excess is both legitimate and useful, but it seems not unreasonable to suppose that works of history, biography, and travel, if readable, will prove nearly as attractive. At all events a library which can show that nearly half of all the books taken out are of an instructive nature may congratulate itself on the taste of its readers. The chief departments in which the gain in circulation is most marked are history, description and travels, science, correspondence, poetry and drama and periodicals. The gain in any one class is not always an indication of a serious tendency towards that line of reading, but may be owing to the popularity of a few noteworthy books like Drummond's *Tropical Africa*, Bryce's *American commonwealth* or Motley's *Correspondence*. Still the general relation between the increase in purchase and the increase in circulation in any given department is tolerably obvious.

The following tables give the comparative total circulation by years, the circulation this year by departments, and the circulation of each department for each month of the year.

## COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534	9,198	9,368

## CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	38
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	99
C.	Biography,	510
D.	History,	505
E.	Description and travels,	444
F.	Social and political science,	60
G.	Natural science,	169
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	27
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	41
J.	Literature:	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	181
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	46
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	257
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,457
Je.	Letters,	111
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	2
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5,098
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	203
K.	Literary history,	100
L.	Language,	9
M.	Miscellaneous,	11
	Total,	9,368

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total.</i>
August, '88,	4	15	66	44	38	12	15	2	7	26	6	25	96	9	—	633	23	24	—	3	1048
September,	5	12	57	54	39	8	20	—	3	24	12	26	143	7	—	600	18	12	1	—	1041
October, .	1	9	44	45	37	6	11	2	6	21	6	20	147	11	—	500	21	5	1	—	893
November,	1	8	30	46	35	—	14	2	—	13	2	18	151	10	1	378	32	2	—	—	742
December,	—	5	31	45	37	—	13	3	3	15	—	37	105	7	—	339	8	5	—	1	654
January, '89,	6	6	49	39	48	2	8	—	—	7	10	22	134	6	—	413	8	5	—	2	765
February, .	6	6	42	42	41	6	9	1	1	8	1	21	78	6	—	339	15	2	—	1	625
March, .	1	8	41	42	41	5	15	3	2	16	—	24	153	9	—	413	17	5	—	—	795
April, .	4	8	31	33	35	6	14	4	11	5	1	20	122	10	—	366	11	8	1	1	691
May, .	—	7	28	22	29	4	16	2	3	10	2	16	121	12	1	360	20	9	—	—	662
June, .	1	11	42	41	20	6	18	5	2	21	1	11	91	10	—	*349	13	12	1	2	658
July, .	9	4	49	52	44	5	16	3	3	15	5	17	116	14	—	408	17	11	5	1	794
<i>Total, .</i>	38	99	510	505	444	60	169	27	41	181	46	257	1457	111	2	5098	203	100	9	11	9368



In the last annual report attention was called to the urgent need of a card catalogue of the library. It was then suggested that a small sum of money from each of the shareholders would enable the Directors to have the work done within a comparatively short period. The response to this appeal for aid was not what might have been expected in view of the obvious benefits which such a catalogue would confer upon the users of the library. As a last resort a personal appeal was made to several individuals who have shown more than usual interest in this institution, which resulted in the collection of \$275.00, in order that a beginning at least might be made. The work was at once begun by an experienced cataloguer, and has been continued to the present time. But the amount of money given for this purpose is now exhausted, and unless other proprietors and friends of the library come to our aid, the work must be discontinued. This, it is almost needless to say, would prove in every way disadvantageous to the library, not only retarding the progress of the work already well advanced, but making the consultation of the cards a source of disappointment, since although useful as far as they go, they cannot manifest the resources of the library until all the books are catalogued. If the amount needed to complete the undertaking cannot be at once raised, the sum of \$300 would ensure the continuance of the work for another year, by which time it would be possible to estimate with reasonable accuracy the amount of money and the length of time necessary for the completion of the work.

As work on the catalogue advanced during the past winter and spring, it became evident that ere long some means must be provided for making the rapidly accumulating mass of cards accessible to the public. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that the Librarian reports that our President, Mr. LeRoy King, has generously offered to provide for the erection of a catalogue case, large enough to contain not only the cards now on hand, but all that will be required for the completion of the work. The usefulness of

this gift—benefiting as it does so many readers—can scarcely be overestimated, and it is hoped that since the cataloguing is now fairly begun, and a case for holding the cards provided, the proprietors of the library will see to it that means are not wanting to push the work forward without delay.

A review of the work done since last November shows that all the books in the department of biography have been catalogued, class-marked and shelved, and also a portion of description and travels, amounting in all to 3,883 volumes. This together with fiction and American literature previously done, makes a creditable showing for the money expended in the cataloguing department.

During the past year only fifty-six volumes of periodicals have been bound, and twenty-five books re-bound. Notwithstanding all that has been done in the course of the last three years, there still remain in the library several sets of periodicals, folios for the most part, such as the *Scientific American*, *Illustrated London news*, *Harper's weekly*, *Revue des deux mondes*, and some others which are sadly in need of binding, not only to preserve them from injury and loss, but also that they may be readily available for consultation.

As Mr. Henry G. Marquand—to whose generosity in the past the library has been so deeply indebted—has again given the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be used in binding, it will be possible to put many of these in covers, besides continuing the binding of our current periodicals and rebinding such volumes as most need it, of which latter class it may be said that poor material in the first place, no less than the wear and tear of constant usage, makes the necessity of rebinding a constant source of expense.

Since the last report the sum already subscribed for the construction of a gallery on the east side of the reading room, for the accommodation of the rapid accumulation of Government documents and periodicals has been increased by fifteen dollars only, making the amount \$271 of the \$500 needed for the purpose. The Librarian regrets that the past year has not seen the completion of the sum required since

the necessity or additional shelf room is an imperative one, as was shown in the last report.

The appeal to the public each year for money, which has formed so prominent a feature in the past annual reports, is not a pleasing task, and the Librarian would gladly evade it, but that the limited resources of the library leave him no alternative, if the institution is to maintain its standard of excellence as a reading and reference library. A liberal addition to its funds, or a direct gift of money to be applied to the specific purposes designated above would enable its officers to carry out their plans for maintaining and increasing its usefulness, and make it an institution of which Newport may justly be proud.

Four books only were reported lost, one of which has recently been returned. Until a complete catalogue of the library has been made, with corresponding shelf-lists, it will be impossible to determine with accuracy the number of volumes missing, or whether a book supposed to be lost, may simply have been misplaced.

Upon the resignation, last autumn of Mr. S. T. Hopkins, Mr. F. H. Holt was appointed the assistant in charge, and has performed the duties of his position with conscientious care and faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

# List of Periodicals taken, 1888-89.

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| American journal of archaeology,           | Good words.                                   |
| American journal of science.               | Harper's magazine.                            |
| American naturalist.                       | Harper's weekly.                              |
| Appalachia. <i>From</i> Mrs. M. E. Mac-    | Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>      |
| Kaye.                                      | Illustrated London news.                      |
| Art amateur.                               | Illustrirte zeitung. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H.   |
| Atlantic monthly.                          | Hayden.                                       |
| Bibliographie de la France.                | Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>  |
| Blackwood's magazine. (Amer. ed.)          | Journal of education.                         |
| Book-buyer.                                | Journal of the Franklin Institute.            |
| Bookseller.                                | Journal de Genève. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H.     |
| Boston daily advertiser.                   | Hayden.                                       |
| Buchanan's journal. <i>From</i> Geo. H.    | Library journal.                              |
| Calvert.                                   | Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>     |
| Catalogue U. S. Government publica-        | Literary world.                               |
| tions.                                     | Littell's living age.                         |
| Century.                                   | London times. (Weekly ed.)                    |
| Civil service reformer. <i>From</i> Dr. W. | Macmillan's magazine.                         |
| Gibbs.                                     | Magazine of American history.                 |
| Civil service record. <i>From</i> Dr. W.   | Messenger of peace. <i>From the pub-</i>      |
| Gibbs.                                     | lisher.                                       |
| Contemporary review. <i>From</i> Dr. W.    | Monthly bulletin. <i>From</i> R. I. Board     |
| Gibbs.                                     | of Health.                                    |
| Coöperative index to periodicals.          | Murray's magazine.                            |
| Critic.                                    | Narragansett historical register. <i>From</i> |
| Edinburgh review. (Amer. ed.)              | the publisher.                                |
| English historical review.                 | Nation. <i>From the publisher.</i>            |
| English illustrated magazine.              | Nature.                                       |
| Fliegende bleatter. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H. | New Church messenger. <i>From the</i>         |
| Hayden.                                    | publisher.                                    |
| Fortnightly review. <i>From</i> Dr. W.     | New England hist. and geneal. register.       |
| Gibbs.                                     | New York evening post.                        |
| Forum.                                     | New York geneal. and biogr. record.           |
| Garden and forest.                         | New York times.                               |
| Gentleman's magazine.                      | New York tribune.                             |

- Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
- Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
- Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
- Newport observer. *From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.*
- Nineteenth century.
- North American review.
- Notes and queries. (London.)
- Our dumb animals. *From the publisher.*
- Path. *Anonymous gift.*
- Popular science news.
- Providence daily journal.
- Publishers circular.
- Publishers weekly.
- Punch.
- Quarterly review. (Amer. ed.)
- Revue des deux mondes.
- Religio-philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*
- Scientific American.
- Scottish review. (Amer. ed.)
- Scribner's magazine.
- Transactions R. I. Medical Society. *From the Society.*
- Travelers record. *From the publisher.*
- Trinity Church messenger. *From the publisher.*
- Unitarian review. *From the publisher.*
- U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
- Unity. *From the publisher.*
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Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wharton, C. W.  
Wharton, Joseph

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## RESOLUTIONS.

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At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Saturday, December 1st, 1888, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have learned with sorrow of the death of James Eddy Mauran, at one time the President of this Institution, therefore,

Resolved, That in his death the Library has lost one of its strongest friends, whose services in its behalf extended through many years.

Resolved, That the members of this Board desire to spread upon their Records their appreciation of his services, his great knowledge and love of books making them unusually valuable.

Resolved, That the tender sympathies of this Board are respectfully extended to his family and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his widow.

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At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Redwood Library on Monday, June 17th, 1889, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions on the death of Hon. Francis Brinley were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the Honorable Francis Brinley, long officially connected with this Institution as its President, and as one

of its Directors at the ripe age of eighty-nine years, and it appearing to be proper that we should place upon Record our appreciation of his services in the offices he has so long filled with great usefulness to the Library and honor to himself, it is therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Brinley, we recognize the loss of a gentleman of high character long devoted to the welfare of the Library and to the interests of his adopted city; a man of refined tastes and culture, of genial and attractive manners; a kind and agreeable associate whose loss to this Institution and to ourselves we sincerely deplore; and that we hereby tender our sympathy in her affliction to his bereaved widow.

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary and be forwarded by them to the family of the deceased.

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# CHARTER.

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## COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

*To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.*

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible ; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning ; which they have accordingly done, &c. : whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted



members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law ; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise ; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever ; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels ; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs ; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport ; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-

fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed) GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor.

(Signed) THOMAS WARD. *Secretary.*

## The Charter as amended in 1856.

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An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company ; viz :—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors ; or upon re-

quest, made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect

for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President.*—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors.*—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase

of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary*.—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.



He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

## Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1861.

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An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.



## Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1867.

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An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

## Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1883.

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An Act in Amendment of the Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, passed at the October session, A. D. 1790.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Redwood Library Company in the town of Newport shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday in August, instead of on the third Wednesday in September as heretofore.







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# OFFICERS

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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1890-91.

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**PRESIDENT:**

LEROY KING.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

HENRY H. FAY.

**DIRECTORS:**

ANDREW B. ALMON,	GEORGE C. MASON,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
DAVID KING,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
GEORGE G. KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
HENRY G. MARQUAND,	ALFRED TUCKERMAN,
HENRY E. TURNER.	

**TREASURER:**

GEORGE GORDON KING.

**SECRETARY:**

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON,  
FREDERIC W. TILTON,  
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.

## ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,  
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

HENRY E. TURNER,  
ANDREW B. ALMON.

## ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,  
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON.

## ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

FREDERIC W. TILTON,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, A. D. 1890.

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The one hundred and sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 20th, A. D. 1890, at three o'clock, p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, a quorum being present in person or by proxy. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Dr. Henry E. Turner was chosen Chairman. The Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders was presented in behalf of the President, Mr. LeRoy King, and read. The Treasurer's and Librarian's Annual Reports were also read, and it was voted that five hundred copies of the President's Report and the accompanying reports with a list of the Stockholders, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected.

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Andrew B. Almon,	William Gilpin,
Arthur B. Emmons,	David King,
George Gordon King,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.
Henry G. Marquand,	Frederic W. Tilton,
George C. Mason,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
William P. Sheffield,	*Joseph Tuckerman,
	Henry E. Turner.

Mr. Arthur B. Emmons declined a re-election as Treasurer of the Corporation.

A communication was received from Mr. Theodore K. Gibbs declining a re-election as Directors for himself and his brother, Mr. George W. Gibbs, as they were unable to attend the meetings of the Board, and thereupon it was voted that the Corporation accept with regret the resignations of Mr. George W. Gibbs, a most liberal benefactor of this Institution, and of Mr. Theodore K. Gibbs, a warm and devoted friend of the Library.

The following persons were elected members of the Corporation: Louis L. Lorillard, Addison Thomas, Lorillard Spencer, Alfred Tuckerman and Benjamin E. Thurston.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized to contract with the Edison Illuminating Company in regard to placing a pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,

John H. Cozzens and Thomas P. Peckham be a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

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\* Mr. Joseph Tuckerman having declined to serve, Mr. Alfred Tuckerman was unanimously chosen a Director at a special meeting of the Shareholders, held at the Library at 3 p. m. on October 13th, A. D. 1890.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum beg respectfully to present their Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 20, 1890.

Since our last Annual Meeting, through the generosity of a few friends, a gallery has been built around three sides of the large middle room, corresponding in appearance to the Alexander Mercer King gallery, and above it new shelves have been placed, affording much needed space for books. The work was done under the superintendence of our honored director, Mr. George C. Mason, and the donors were specially thanked for their liberal gift.

Last Autumn, Mr. Brooks Adams of Massachusetts presented to the Library a marble bust of the late Mr. Sidney Brooks, who was long a Director of and who took much interest in this Institution during his residence in Newport.

The Library is once again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books.

The Directors are pleased to announce that satisfactory progress on the new card catalogue has been made during the year, though there was not money enough given to keep Mrs. Bliss employed steadily the whole time. A case to hold the cards having been provided, they are now available for use by the stockholders and subscribers. The number of books catalogued since the last annual meeting is 4,130, the number of books previously catalogued by Mrs. Bliss is 3,883, the number of books catalogued before Mrs. Bliss began to work here is 2,671, making total number of books catalogued to date 10,774. The number of cards in use is 29,736 and the amount subscribed for this year's work was \$297.00.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented and it will be seen that the Library income is not sufficient for its needs. Will not generous friends contribute money to increase the General Current Expenses Fund which now amounts to \$11,818.36. Could we have this fund increased to twenty or thirty thousand dollars, thus giving the Library an additional income of about one thousand dollars, we could largely extend its usefulness in this community.

The Directors would like to bring to the attention of the Stockholders the fact, that the Weld gift of one thousand dollars that was spent in the purchase of books of fiction proved of the greatest benefit to the Library, in increasing the number of subscribers. Unfortunately this fund is now exhausted.

The Librarian's report is also herewith presented. The number of books added during the year by purchase is 405 books, 2 pamphlets: by gift 483 books, 226 pamphlets.

The number of books now in the Library is 35,220.

All which is respectfully submitted by,

LE ROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.



## Redwood Library and Athenæum, in account with Arthur B. Emmons, Treasurer.

1889.	Aug. 28.	By balance from old account,	.	\$343.24	1890.	Aug. 20.	To payments account	Library Book Fund,	.	\$940.53
1890.	Aug. 20.	By amount received for 169 Taxes,	.	845.00	" 20.	" "	" "	Mercer Book Fund,	.	70.53
" 20.	" "	" " for Subscriptions,	.	217.50	" 20.	" "	" "	Incidental account,	.	1012.43
" 20.	" "	" " for Fines,	.	33.96	" 20.	" "	" "	Salary,	.	1200.00
" 20.	" "	By dividends J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	.	200.00	" 20.	" "	" "	Catalogue,	.	302.00
" 20.	" "	" " William S. Rogers Book Fund,	.	160.00	" 20.	" "	" "	Gallery Fund,	.	462.57
" 20.	" "	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	.	40.00						3988.06
" 20.	" "	" " George G. King Book Fund,	.	40.00						
" 20.	" "	By coupons for Library Book Account,	.	440.00						
" 20.	" "	By dividends Special Preferred Share Fund,	.	110.00						
" 20.	" "	" " General Current Expense Fund,	.	237.84						
" 20.	" "	By coupons for Incidental Account,	.	312.72						
" 20.	" "	By amount received for Gallery Fund,	.	235.00						
" 20.	" "	" " for Catalogue,	.	491.00						
" 20.	" "	" " from H. G. Marquand,	.	297.00						
" 20.	" "	Esq., for binding books,	.	250.00						
" 20.	" "	By amount received from sale 3 shares Redwood Library,	.	50.00						
" 20.	" "	By amount received from Miss Powel for Library Book account,	.	5.00						
" 20.	" "	By amount received for Library Book account, (book lost,)	.	1.00						
" 20.	" "	By discount of Library's demand note to pay balance due on Librarian's salary for year to August 1st,	.	250.00						
1890.	Aug. 20.	By balance to new account,	.	\$4119.26						

This is to certify that we have examined the above accounts, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., { Auditing Committee.  
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, }

Newport, Aug. 20, 1890.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS, Treasurer.

## MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5000.00
" " " "	Wm. S. Rogers	4000.00
" " " "	Robert Rogers	1000.00
" " " "	George G. King	1000.00
" " " "	David King	393.92
1 Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific 6%,	Mrs. W. F. Weld Fund,	1000.00
1 Mortgage Bd. Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	Littlefield Fund,	1000.00
2 " " Houston & Texas R. R. 5%,	David King Fund,	2000.00

Total amount of Book Fund, \$15393.92

Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	General Current Expense Fund,	7818.36
" " " "	Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
1 Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	"	1000.00
2 " " St. Louis, Iron Mt. & Southern R. R. 5%,	"	2000.00
1 " " Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western 6%,	"	1000.00

Total Funds, \$33158.84

## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY ;

*Gentlemen :* I have the honor to submit herewith the eighth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1889-90.

The accessions to the library during the past year number about the same as the year previous, there being rather fewer books purchased and an increase in those received as gifts and from binding periodicals.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the year :

No. of volumes in the library, August 21, 1889,	34,261
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . .	405
No. of volumes added by donation, . . .	483
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	71
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Total in the library, August 20, 1890, .	35,220
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	226
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . .	470

In view of the increased circulation and popularity it is to be regretted that the present rate of purchase of new books—a moderate one surely—cannot at least be kept up, not to say increased. But the experience of the past year has shown that our funds are inadequate for even this increase, and that, until the resources of the library are extended, cheaper and fewer standard books must be bought.

The general character of this library and its position in a city where so much wealth, as well as so much liberality, is found, would naturally warrant the supposition that the resources of the library must be great — which, in fact, is far from being the case — and that the borrower might reasonably expect to find a complete selection of good current literature. As a matter of fact, however, the number of books purchased is far less than in many libraries much younger, and not nearly so large. The reference department is sadly in need of money to bring it up to its proper state, and it is a subject of regret that the appeal for this object made in the last annual report has apparently fallen unheeded. Among the year's donations should be mentioned the gift of a set of Mr. B. F. Stevens' *Facsimiles of American manuscripts in European archives* from Mr. Henry G. Marquand, and the catalogue of "The Charlemagne Tower collection of American colonial laws," from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

The subjoined table shows a slight increase in circulation over that of last year, and fully maintains the average of the past three years. Nearly all the departments exhibit an increase over the preceding year, that of fiction being one per cent. higher than last year and fifty-five per cent. of the whole circulation.

No record has been kept of the use of books within the walls of the library, but the number of books thus issued is certainly not as great as in previous years. Possibly the decadence of the "prize-question" mania may be an important factor in this decrease.

The following tables give the comparative total circulation by years, the circulation this year by departments, and the circulation of each department for each month of the year.

## COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534	9,198	9,368	9,445

## CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	42
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	85
C.	Biography,	574
D.	History,	520
E.	Description and travels,	494
F.	Social and political science,	70
G.	Natural science,	184
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	69
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	80
J.	Literature:	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	140
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	18
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	257
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,164
Je.	Letters,	145
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	7
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5,193
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	254
K.	Literary history,	135
L.	Language,	7
M.	Miscellaneous,	7
Total,		9,445

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total.</i>
August, 1889,	4	10	44	42	57	9	17	11	11	10	4	22	127	24	—	458	17	14	1	—	882
September,	5	5	61	52	52	7	34	4	—	10	1	21	122	24	—	496	22	26	—	—	942
October, .	4	5	50	27	38	6	18	3	3	10	—	36	125	8	—	535	18	20	1	—	907
November, .	2	9	37	41	28	10	7	4	11	9	1	13	113	8	—	435	29	10	—	2	769
December, .	2	3	18	22	24	2	10	1	10	8	1	16	56	8	—	224	5	7	—	2	419
January, 1890,	2	4	47	53	50	2	11	2	5	16	4	12	87	19	—	478	14	12	—	—	818
February, .	7	11	47	58	38	6	17	4	6	7	2	11	85	7	—	368	25	13	—	2	714
March, . .	1	5	51	47	36	2	16	7	4	16	—	24	56	12	—	395	25	7	1	1	706
April, . .	1	8	40	38	40	5	10	8	5	14	—	14	89	15	4	478	17	4	2	—	792
May, . .	1	9	38	29	39	4	13	9	1	9	—	30	85	6	1	480	25	7	—	—	786
June, . .	5	10	57	42	35	4	14	7	12	12	2	22	112	9	1	366	28	8	2	—	747
July, . .	8	6	84	69	57	13	17	9	12	19	3	36	107	5	1	481	29	7	—	—	962
<i>Total, .</i>	42	85	574	520	494	70	184	69	80	140	18	257	1164	145	7	5193	254	135	7	7	9445

It is with pleasure that the librarian reports that owing to the liberality of a few friends of the library the work of making the card catalogue has progressed steadily during the year. Within this period the number of volumes catalogued is 4,130. This, when compared with the work done during the first nine months, as reported in last year's catalogue (3,883 vols.) indicates a somewhat slower rate of progress. But it must be remembered that the catalogue work of the first year was on biography—a subject which can be more rapidly done than any other except fiction—while the work of the past year was largely on description and travels, a subject which takes very much more time. Moreover it should be understood that as a matter of fact the rate of cataloguing so far has been very much higher than the average of such work in ordinary libraries. In addition to which the cataloguer has had the extra task of putting the class-marks on the books, and of distributing the cards.

A summary of the work already done shows that taking the books catalogued by Mrs. Bliss in the twenty-one months she has been at work (8,103) with the catalogue of fiction previously made by the librarian, we have 10,774 as the total number of volumes catalogued to date.

In a consultation of the Directors with the librarian before the work began it was decided that the cataloguing should be thorough as far as it went. This, though it fails to give an author clew to the books in a relatively short time, is on the whole the most economical, as the time spent in rehandling the volumes and in searching for the cards is very great. So that while the work seems slower it is in reality more rapid. As a consequence comparatively few departments can be reported finished. These are Biography, Fiction, American, French, and German literature, Drama, Theatre and Music, Geography, description and travels. The whole of general history has been done and work has been begun on the country histories.

The librarian would again beg that renewed efforts be

made to obtain sufficient means for carrying on this most necessary work during the coming year and to its completion. If there is one thing more than another that is absolutely indispensable in a library (the books themselves excepted) it is a catalogue. Not only are the books more readily found, but the catalogue shows, as nothing else can, the resources of the library on any given subject, which is exactly what the student most needs. The advantage afforded by the catalogue work already done will be readily apparent to any one who will take the trouble to examine the daily work of our library. Not only are books more quickly found, and students more satisfactorily assisted, but the class-marks make the work of charging easier and more rapid, ensure the complete identification of each book issued should any question arise concerning it, and makes the change of location of any given set of works possible without the least alteration of the marks on the books.

The thanks of the proprietors of the library are due to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for his generosity in again providing for the binding of our periodicals, as well as of a large number of works of foreign literature which have been given to us recently. The whole number of books and periodicals bound and rebound during the year is 222.

Shortly after the issue of the last report the amount necessary for the construction of the gallery around the north and east sides of the Reading-room was completed, and in December the library was closed for a week for its erection. This increase of shelf room is most welcome, affording room for many of our government documents and permitting a more orderly arrangement of several of the other departments which were getting unpleasantly crowded. A long set of shelves for the display of new books has also been constructed near the charging desk.

The art collection of the library has been enriched by the addition of a marble bust of the late Sidney Brooks by Powers, the gift of Mr. Brooks Adams, and of an oil painting of Dr. James Robinson from Henry A., and Dumont,



Clarke. The paintings deposited in the library the past two years by Miss Sarah Spooner were surrendered to her upon her return from Europe last autumn.

Two numbers of current magazines, and three books, have been reported lost. One book missing from the library for many years has been returned. Two books have been injured and replaced by the persons to whom they were charged.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.



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| American journal of archaeology.           | Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>      |
| American journal of science.               | Illustrated London news.                      |
| American naturalist.                       | Illustirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D. H.</i>    |
| Art amateur.                               | Hayden.                                       |
| Atlantic monthly.                          | Jewelers weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i>   |
| Bibliographie de la France.                | Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>  |
| Blackwood's magazine. (Amer. ed.)          | Journal of education.                         |
| Book-buyer.                                | Journal of the Franklin Institute.            |
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| Boston daily advertiser.                   | H. Hayden.                                    |
| Boston daily post.                         | Library, The.                                 |
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| tions.                                     | Lippincott's magazine.                        |
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| Gibbs.                                     | Messenger of peace. <i>From the pub-</i>      |
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| English historical review.                 | <i>the publisher.</i>                         |
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| H. Hayden.                                 | <i>publisher.</i>                             |
| Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W.</i>     | New England hist. and geneal. register.       |
| Gibbs.                                     | New York evening post.                        |
| Forum.                                     | New York geneal. and biogr. record.           |
| Garden and forest.                         | New York times.                               |
| Gentleman's magazine.                      | New York tribune.                             |
| Good words.                                | Newport daily news. <i>From the pub-</i>      |
| Harper's magazine.                         | <i>lisher.</i>                                |
| Harper's weekly.                           | Newport journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>   |

- Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*  
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 Punch.  
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 Revue des deux mondes.  
 Religio-philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*  
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 Scientific American.  
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 Spectator.  
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*  
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Lyon, Joseph M.	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
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Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1



Spencer, Lorillard	1	Turner, Dr. Henry E.	1
Spooner, Edwin G.	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	1
Spooner, Henry D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Stevens, Achilles	1	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
Stevens, William, Estate,	1	Underwood, William J.	1
Stevens, William G.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1
Stoddard, John C.	1	Ward, F. Augustus	1
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	1	Weaver, John G.	1
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1	Weaver, Sarah C.	1
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1	Weld, William G.	1
Terrill, Dr. George	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	3	Wharton, Thomas I.	1
Thomas, Addison	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Thurston, Benj. E.	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Tilton, Frederic W.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Tompkins, Frederic	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Townsend, John F., Estate,	1	Wormeley, Katharine P.	1
Tuckerman, Alfred	1		

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

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Astor, John Jacob  
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley  
Baker, Mrs. Richard  
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)  
Bancroft, George  
Belmont, August  
Bennett, J. G.  
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter  
Bryce, J. Smith  
Channing, William F.  
Cornell, Richard  
Dunn, Thomas  
Foster, John  
Gammell, Mrs. William  
Gibbs, George W.  
Griswold, J. N. A.  
Hatch, A. S.  
Hunter, Anna F.  
Kernochan, Frederic  
King, David, Jr.,  
King, Mrs. Edward  
Lorillard, Pierre  
Low, A. A.

Low, Seth  
Marquand, H. G.  
Mason, Ellen F.  
Norman, George H.  
Norris, William  
Ogden, Francis L.  
Parkinson, C. B.  
Pell, Mrs. Walden  
Rogers, Daniel  
Rogers, Fairman  
Sheffield, William P., Jr.  
Sheldon, Frederic  
Stevens, Frederick W.  
Stevens, Mrs. Frederick W.  
Stout, Francis A.  
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher  
Tompkins, Frederic  
Tompkins, Hamilton B.  
Tuckerman, Joseph  
Tweedy, Edmund  
Weld, Mrs. William F.  
Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wharton, C. W.  
Wharton, Joseph







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GEORGE GORDON KING.

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RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,	GEORGE C. MASON,
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## ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,	T. K. GIBBS,
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## ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.	

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,	GEORGE C. MASON.
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## ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,	GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, A. D. 1891.



The one hundred and sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 19th, A. D. 1891, at three o'clock p. m.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King, a quorum of the Stockholders, in person or by proxy, being present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved, and the President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders and the Treasurer's and Librarian's Annual Reports were also presented, and thereupon it was voted that five hundred copies of the President's Report and the accompanying reports with a list of Stockholders be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers were then elected.

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry G. Marquand,	Henry E. Turner.

Mr. Andrew B. Almon was elected a Director but declined a re-election. The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation: Mrs. Susan W. d'Hautville, Louis B. McCagg, F. Augustus Ward, P. Coggeshall Chase, Mrs. W. K. Thorn.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Edison Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing a pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and Thomas P. Peckham be a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

## Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 19th, 1891.

The Directors at their meeting on September 10, 1890, voted to allow the Edison Illuminating Company to erect a pole, upon which the Company's wires could be hung, in front of the Library Estate on the East side of Bellevue Avenue, and to maintain the said pole for one year from September 10, 1890, on condition that at the expiration of that time the said Edison Company remove it from the Library Estate and stipulate before erecting it never thereafter to erect any pole to the East of the centre of Bellevue Avenue in front of the said Estate and that they pay a rent of Five Dollars for the use of the said location: and it was further voted, that before erecting said pole, the Edison Company shall deliver to this Corporation a stipulation prepared and executed to the satisfaction of Mr. William P. Sheffield to carry into effect the above resolution.

The Directors report that the Edison Company duly

executed a stipulation to the satisfaction of Mr. Sheffield and that the said Company erected a pole at a place designated by Mr. David King in accordance with the Resolution of the Board passed September 10, 1890; said place being situated on the sidewalk in front of the Library premises four feet north of your south line and next the curbing.

At a meeting of the Directors on November 26th a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Joseph H. Patten of Brooklyn for the gift of a portrait of her late husband, a native of Newport. The portrait is by Alexander and has been hung on the A. M. King memorial gallery.

At a meeting of the Directors held on November 26, 1890, George Gordon King the Treasurer, and Hamilton B. Tompkins were appointed a committee to withdraw from the Savings Bank such Funds of the Library as they saw fit, and to invest the same in their discretion in railroad mortgage bonds. In February of this year the Committee made their Report which was received and approved with thanks and the Committee was then discharged.

The Committee reported that from the General Current Expense Fund in the Savings Bank they had withdrawn \$6,911.52 and from the Special Preferred Share Fund in said Bank they had withdrawn \$5,000, in all \$11,911.52 and with this sum they had bought twelve Bonds, eleven of them paying 5% and one paying 4%. The following is the list of the bonds bought and prices paid:—

Three gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 3,415, 4,307, 4,308, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal mortgage 5% @ 102½ and com., . . . . .			\$3,078.75
Principal due 1914.			
Two gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 3,326 3,327, East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia consolidated mortgage 5% @ 103¾ and com., . . . . .			2,077.50
Principal due 1956.			
Two currency bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 4,769, 4,770, Chicago & West Michigan 5% mortgage @ 93 and com., . . . . .			1,877.50
Principal due 1921.			

One currency bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 862, Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company of Iowa first mortgage 5% @ 98 and com., . . . . .	981.25
Express .50 and Interest \$3.52, . . . . .	4.02
Principal due 1906.	
One gold bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 11,312, Oregon Railway & Navigation consolidated 5% @ 94 and com., . . . . .	941.25
Principal due 1925.	
One gold bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 2,391, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company, Montana extension first mortgage 4% @ 85 and com., . . . . .	851.25
Principal due 1937.	
Two gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 21, 22, Newport & Wickford Railroad & Steamboat Co., first mortgage 5% @ 105, . . . . .	2,100.00
Principal due 1921.	
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	\$11,911.52
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The income of the Incidental Account is increased \$110 a year by these judicious investments.

Mr. Theodore M. Davis of Newport has presented the Library with three sections of papyrus from the mummy case of Amenhetop, of the 20th Dynasty (about 1,000 B. C.) passed as genuine by the British Museum. This papyrus which contains a portion of the ritual "Book of the Dead" has been framed at his request and now hangs in the East room. The Directors duly thanked him.

During the year the Library has received the last volume of H. H. Bancroft's "History of the Pacific States" making thirty-nine volumes in all which completes the publication.

Annals of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I., by George Champlin Mason, is the title of a new book by our highly esteemed Director.

The book is published by the Evans Printing House, of Philadelphia, and is a handsome volume.

It is a very valuable addition to the Historical Books of Newport and does its author great credit, while to this



Institution especially it will prove of lasting benefit. A friend of the Library has written the following in praise of the book :

“History of the Redwood Library by G. C. Mason. Redwood may congratulate itself on having the most faithful history possible by the loving hands of an historian in hearty sympathy with itself. It is a most successful effort to preserve the choicest antiquity of Newport. For indeed with the exception of old people, whom strangely enough, modern progress allows to live longer than formerly, hardly anything old is left here. All the more remarkable, Redwood Library lives a still vigorous life. Very great labor has been bestowed on the work and nothing seems to have escaped Mr. Mason’s researches. We cannot praise too highly his conscientious thoroughness. The style is simple but adequate. Of course the engrossing subject is the Library : incidentally the narrative is very suggestive of the early history of Newport. Its notes contain brief but careful memoirs of prominent personages. Familiar names are constantly recurring in these pages, and the text gives us frequent intimations of what transpired in Newport during those days. So that we form hence no indistinct idea of Society. The men who founded Redwood Library were educated men, evidently conversant with literature and science. Some of them were acquainted with the classics. They were interested in Theology and Philosophy. They read history largely. The books they chose show this. To what extent they read novels it is impossible to say as Mr. Mason discovers few of this kind, and our observing Librarian was not there to classify the readers. It is however, not easy to conceive of Abraham Redwood and President Styles indulging much in that kind of reading which now satisfies the intellectual wants of a large proportion of subscribers and perhaps on principles of assimilation has much to do with characterizing the present civilization of Newport. The History is necessarily limited by the war of the Revolution, during which we almost lose sight of the Library, still it continued to exist

throughout those years. When we think of the desolation which then prevailed, we are filled with admiration of the perseverance with which the people maintained their Library, showing how highly they valued it. Mr. Mason has told the tale of succeeding years fully and clearly, the awakening of new interest, the various and generous gifts of benefactors, among whom it is pleasant to recognize old and familiar Newport names, and one cannot but hope more of the descendants of the early supporters of Redwood will honor their lineage in the same way. Already the Library supplies large means of reference but it invites hearty contributions that it may afford instruction to all."

The Directors at their meeting on July 13, 1891, voted to purchase of Mr. Mason twenty volumes of the "Annals" for distribution among the friends of this Institution; and appointed the President and Mr. Mason to be a committee to dispose of them in their discretion. The committee report that thus far they have presented (on behalf of the Directors) the following persons with one copy each and that very gratifying letters of thanks have been received:—

Mr. Charles H. Russell,  
 Mr. John Foster,  
 Mrs. John Carter Brown,  
 Hon. G. P. Wetmore,  
 Miss Ellen Mason,  
 Major T. K. Gibbs,  
 Mrs. Henry Ledyard,  
 Mr. George W. Gibbs,  
 Mrs. W. F. Weld,  
 Mr. George W. Wales.

Through the good offices of Mr. Mason the Library has received a beautiful copy No. 43 of the Dreer collection of autographs with the compliments of Ferdinand J. Dreer, Esq.

The Library is again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books; also for a gift of two

hundred dollars from George Gordon King for the purchase of books of fiction. Mr. King has also given seventy-five dollars to the Book Account, enabling the Library to pay all bills against that account to August 1, 1891.

An effort has been made during the year to increase the General Current Expense Fund, and as a result the following persons have given these sums:—

Mr. Joseph Tuckerman,	\$100.00
Mr. Alfred Tuckerman,	100.00
Mrs. Edward King,	100.00
Miss Mary LeRoy King,	100.00
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In all,	\$400.00

The Directors have sold during the year two Special Preferred Shares of \$100, each, free from all assessments, one to Mrs. Susan W. d'Hautville and one to Louis B. McCagg.

In May last, the President laid before the Directors an interesting letter from Joseph Peace Hazard, Esq., of Peacedale, R. I., giving a history of the iron wheel and portion of the iron chain now placed on either side of the front entrance to the Library. Mr. Hazard at the same time offered to bear the expense of properly painting the same and of having solid foundations placed under them. Mr. Mason was requested to attend to the matter in accordance with the directions contained in the letter and has done so to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Hazard and the Directors.

Mr. Hazard has presented the Library with a portrait of himself by Miss Jane Stuart, daughter of Gilbert Stuart, and the Directors, at their meeting on August 10, 1891, specially thanked him for the same.

The work on the catalogue has progressed satisfactorily during the year. The number of books catalogued since the last annual meeting is 5,429, making the total number to date 16,196. The number of cards in use is 50,000 and the amount paid Mrs. Bliss for this year's work, from August 1, 1890, to August 1, 1891, is \$372.90.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented. The

Librarian's Report is also herewith presented. The number of books added during the year by purchase is 506, by gift 420, 250 pamphlets, 210 periodicals. The number of books now in the Library is 36,291.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LEROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.

DR. Redwood Library and Athenæum, in account with George Gordon King, Treasurer.

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## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY ;

*Gentlemen :* I have the honor to submit herewith the ninth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1890-91.

The accessions to the library during the past year are summarized in the following table, which shows that while the purchases have increased, the accessions by gift, whether of books, pamphlets or numbers of periodicals, have diminished.

No. of volumes in the library, August 20, 1890,	35,220
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . . . .	506
No. of volumes added by donation, . . . . .	420
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, . . . . .	145

Total in the library, August 19, 1891,	36,291
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	250
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . . .	65

It will be noted, by reference to the previous report, that the number of books added by purchase exceeds that of last year by 101 volumes, but of this number, only 256, as will be manifest further on, were credited to the library book funds, so that the number of books actually purchased by the library, is 149 volumes less than during the previous year. Last winter, in spite of the fact that fewer books were being bought, and that purchases had been made in only four months of the library year, the quarterly report

of the Treasurer at the beginning of the present calendar year revealed the unwelcome truth that the amount available for the purchase of books for the whole year had been exhausted, and consequently the purchase of all books except, of course, works published in sets for which the library had contracted, was discontinued.

Not only is it imperative that the funds of the library for the purchase of general literature be increased, but money is wanted to replenish the reference department which is greatly in need of additions, many of the reference books being altogether out of date. For example the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary which we have is that of 1865, and the only concordance of the Bible which the library owns is dated 1662. While the library is fairly well supplied with general biographical dictionaries there is great need of special dictionaries in many departments, particularly in science technology and the fine arts. The new edition of Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, as well as some good dictionary of Christian Antiquities, should replace our old ones, now quite antiquated themselves. We have no modern dictionary of architecture, no adequate dictionary of painters and engravers, and none whatever of a later date than 1865. Several of the more recent dictionaries of geography and local gazetteers should be found upon our shelves, and, above all, the library ought, unquestionably, to own the grand encyclopedic dictionary of Larousse, which is a whole library in itself. Even among philological dictionaries there is urgent need for large additions. Some of our dictionaries of this class are very old, and several languages, such as Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Modern Greek and Russian are unrepresented in the library by any dictionary or grammar whatever. That these deficiencies in the reference department should be filled up at the earliest possible moment is most evident, but that this cannot be done from the small sum at present devoted to the purchase of books is equally evident.

Last autumn Mr. George Gordon King seeing how few



were the works of fiction which the library was able to buy, and recognizing the desirability of having more books in this department, generously gave \$200 to be expended in the purchase of current fiction. With this sum 250 volumes were bought, catalogued and put in circulation before the end of the year. The immediate result of this opportune gift may be seen in the table of comparative circulation in the increased fiction issue for January and succeeding months. Unfortunately, no novels have been bought since the first of the year, and the few additions which have been made to this class since then have been owing to gifts. Through the generosity of Mr. H. G. Marquand the Stevens *Fac-similes of American MSS.*, mention of which was made in the last report, have been continued during the past year, the ninth volume having recently been received. The library has also had serviceable gifts of books from W. W. Sherman, Miss G. Sherman and Mrs. George R. Fearing, and the first volume of the Dreer catalogue of autographs from Mr. F. J. Dreer.

The table of comparative circulation below shows a large increase in the number of books issued for home use during the year as compared with the year before, the excess being over 1700 volumes. In fact the circulation for the current year is larger than for any year in the past of which a record has been kept. There is no doubt that this rate of issue could not only be maintained but increased if the income for the purchase of books could be augmented. Most of the books issued from this library during the past twelve months are works which have been published during the year. There is very little call, except perhaps among novels, for books over two years old, and almost no call, unless by students, for books published five or more years ago. Hence it is evident that the supply of new books, and new books in all departments of literature to suit the various tastes of readers, must be kept up if the library is to maintain its standard of circulation. The class which shows the greatest increase is naturally fiction. That this



increase is chiefly due to the number of works of this kind which were added near the close of the year is unquestionable. When compared with the circulation in other departments the proportion of novels issued, 60.7%, cannot be considered large, nor does it differ materially in this respect from that of most other libraries. The use of books within the walls of the library remains about the same as usual; no record, however, has been kept of the number of books thus consulted.

## COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
7833	9383	8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	50
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	118
C.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	696
D.	History,	.	.	.	.	514
E.	Description and travels,	.	.	.	.	492
F.	Social and political science,	.	.	.	.	73
G.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	221
H.	Useful arts ( including medicine ),	.	.	.	.	78
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	.	.	.	.	95
J.	Literature :					
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	.	.	.	.	219
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	.	.	.	.	21
Jc.	Periodicals ( bound volumes ),	.	.	.	.	218
Jd.	Periodicals ( numbers ),	.	.	.	.	1112
Je.	Letters,	.	.	.	.	32
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	.	.	.	.	9
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	.	.	.	.	6822
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	.	.	.	.	291
K.	Literary history,	.	.	.	.	155
L.	Language,	.	.	.	.	6
M.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	7
	Total,	.	.	.	.	11228

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

AUGUST, 1890, TO JULY, 1891, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total.</i>
August, 1890,	10	17	71	78	50	5	17	10	14	29	1	32	116	8	1	485	31	21	1	—	997
September,	8	10	81	52	55	14	35	5	18	40	3	18	106	5	2	476	30	12	—	—	970
October,	2	10	60	50	55	11	24	11	8	16	1	22	102	7	1	538	47	15	—	2	982
November,	2	13	54	43	44	5	20	9	9	6	3	3	132	3	—	552	24	13	1	1	937
December,	3	9	43	20	39	—	18	4	1	17	5	7	57	1	—	550	19	9	—	1	803
January, 1891,	5	11	62	53	52	5	15	3	15	21	2	17	110	—	—	604	19	12	3	1	1010
February,	7	7	58	22	56	4	10	4	6	16	—	12	75	1	—	602	21	12	—	—	913
March,	3	10	62	34	29	7	12	8	6	11	—	13	76	1	2	630	24	10	—	1	939
April,	3	6	47	37	19	4	19	8	1	20	2	13	83	2	3	539	23	6	—	—	835
May,	1	7	55	31	25	3	16	6	3	9	2	18	64	—	—	503	12	15	—	—	770
June,	2	4	55	36	36	8	16	5	5	21	—	30	94	1	—	604	15	17	—	—	949
July,	4	12	48	58	32	7	19	5	9	13	2	33	97	3	—	739	26	13	1	1	1122
<i>Total,</i>	50	118	696	514	492	73	221	78	95	219	21	218	1112	32	9	6822	291	515	6	7	11228

The report from Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, shows that uninterrupted and rapid progress has been made in the preparation of the card catalogue during the past library year. The number of volumes catalogued since last August is 5,429, which is an excess of 1,299 over that reported for the previous year. The whole number now catalogued is 16,196 volumes. This year, owing to the nature of the subjects taken up, very many of the works have required extended analysis, and though the number of analyticals has probably not exceeded that of the previous year the labour involved has been greater, as the entries have generally been longer. When, in addition to this, the intricate character of the subject-matter is considered, it will be seen that the increase in the rate of cataloguing is owing entirely to the skill and energy of the cataloguer. The number of volumes at present finished shows that about half the library has been catalogued. It is true that the estimated number of volumes in the library is about 36,000, but undoubtedly this number, based on yearly accessions and not verified by actual count, with no record of worn out volumes removed, is too high, and will be considerably reduced by the abstraction of duplicates, which are removed from the collection as the cataloguing proceeds. It may then be safely asserted that the work of cataloguing is very nearly half done. It is not likely that the remaining portion will prove more difficult than the part already done, and hence will require about the same time in doing. It is probable therefore that three more years will see the work completed if means can be found to carry it on.

That so much has already been accomplished is largely owing to the lively interest your president has taken in the work, and the pecuniary aid which he, in union with a few other friends of the library, has so generously given. It is earnestly hoped that the work which has now been carried on so far will not be permitted to stop for lack of means, but that the other users of the library, who daily benefit by the existence of the catalogue, and who have not hitherto

contributed, will be induced to do so and thus insure the completion of the undertaking.

The departments catalogued during the past year have been the whole of history, Latin classics, Shaksperiana, and a portion of English literature. The subjects still to be done are Philosophy, Theology and Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Law, Politics, Useful and Fine arts, and the Greek classics. Of course new books are catalogued as they are received.

Once more the library is indebted to the liberality of Mr. H. G. Marquand for the money spent in binding its books and periodicals—this gentleman having again contributed the sum of \$250 for this purpose, thus adding one more to the many favours which the library has received from him. The sum thus liberally given is sufficient to ensure the binding of the most important of current periodicals, and such paper covered books as we receive, as well as to rebind some worn volumes, but our periodical list is so large, and the frailty of the publishers book covers so great, that a considerably larger sum could profitably be employed in putting the unbound and dilapidated material of the library into a serviceable form.

The need of enlarged shelf accommodation is one which is beginning to make itself felt once more. While the gallery addition which was put up two years ago has materially relieved the crowded condition of the shelves, it is found that still more room is required for an orderly arrangement of the books. The rapid accumulation of public documents, moreover, makes the necessity of additional shelving daily more apparent. Two thirds of the Reading Room gallery shelves are now occupied with public documents, and they are beginning to overflow on to the tops of the cases in the East Room. The whole of the Reading Room gallery should be reserved for these documents, but in that case room must be found for the other books now located there. As this space cannot be found on the floor of the library it is proposed to build two galleries over

the cases in the Delivery Room, connecting with the Reading Room gallery by arches through the partition wall. These, it is estimated, will accommodate over 3000 volumes, and the cost will be about \$600. A subscription list for contributions to this object is posted in the Delivery Room, and has been headed by Messrs. G. P. Wetmore, Alfred Tuckerman and H. B. Tompkins.

Since the last report the art department of the library has been the recipient of the following additions: A fine oil portrait, by Alexander, of Joseph H. Patten (born in Newport in 1801), the gift of Mrs. Joseph H. Patten. An oil portrait, by Miss Jane Stuart, of Joseph P. Hazard, of Peacedale, R. I., the gift of Mr. Hazard. Three mounted and framed specimens of hieroglyphic papyrus presented by Theodore M. Davis, of Newport. These specimens are portions of the Egyptian Book of the Dead from the mummy case of Amenhetap who flourished in the 20th Dynasty (about 1000 B. C.). They are at present deposited in the East Room.

The known losses this year embrace one number of Good Words, and Williams' Life of Barton and Olney, the borrower of which tacitly refuses to return it.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

## List of Periodicals taken, 1890-91.

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| American journal of archaeology.                   | Good words.   |
| American journal of science.                       | Hardwicke's science gossip.                                       |
| American naturalist.                               | Harper's magazine.  |
| Art amateur.                                       | Harper's weekly.  |
| Atlantic monthly.                                  | Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>                          |
| Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)          | Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>           |
| Book-buyer.  | Illustrated London news.  |
| Bookseller.  | Illustrirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>               |
| Boston daily advertiser.                           | The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i> |
| Boston daily post.                                 | Jewelers weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i>                       |
| Catalogue U. S. Government publications.           | Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>                      |
| Century.   | Journal of education.   |
| Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>   | Journal of the Franklin Institute.                                |
| Civil service reformer. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>  | Library journal.  |
| Civil service record. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>    | Lippincott's magazine.  |
| Contemporary review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>     | Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>                         |
| Coöperative index to periodicals.                  | Literary world.   |
| Critic.  | Littell's living age.   |
| Edinburgh review. (American edition.)              | London times. (Weekly edition.)                                   |
| Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>           | Longman's magazine.   |
| English historical review.                         | Macmillan's magazine.   |
| English illustrated magazine.                      | Magazine of American history.                                     |
| Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i> | Murray's magazine.  |
| Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>      | Narragansett historical register. <i>From the publisher.</i>      |
| Forum.   | Nature.   |
| Garden and forest.                                 | New Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>                  |
|  | New England historical and genealogical register.                 |

- New-York evening post.  
 New York genealogical and biographical record.  
 New York times.  
 New York tribune.  
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*  
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 Path. *Anonymous gift.*  
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 Popular science news.  
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 Punch.  
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 Review of reviews.  
 Revue des deux mondes.  
 Religio-philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Royal Geographical Society, proceedings. *From F. Sheldon.*  
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 Spectator.  
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 Trinity Church messenger. *From the publisher.*  
 Unitarian review. *From the publisher.*  
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*  
 Unity. *From the publisher.*  
 Voice. *From the publisher.*  
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WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, A. D. 1892.

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The one hundred and sixty-second annual meeting of the company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, on Wednesday, August 17th, A. D. 1892, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King, a quorum of the stockholders in person or by proxy being present. The Records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved: The President presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders, and the Treasurer's and the Librarian's Annual Reports were presented. Thereupon it was voted that five hundred copies of the President's Report and the accompanying reports with a list of the Stockholders be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.



The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry G. Marquand,	Henry E. Turner.

Mr. George Gordon King declined a re-election as Treasurer.

The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Nathaniel G. Stanton, W. Watts Sherman and Thomas P. Peckham.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized, in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's Account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted, that a committee consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand be authorized to issue a general appeal to the Stockholders and members of the Redwood Library and such other persons as they may deem desirable, urging them to contribute to the funds of the Institution.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that those Stockholders upon whose shares the assessments have been in arrears for three years, be notified by the Secretary that their shares will be forfeited in accordance with the Charter if their assessments are not paid on or before January 1st, 1893, and that their names be stricken from the list of share holders.

On motion of Mr. David King, it was voted that notice be sent to members upon whose shares assessments are due and unpaid for one year that their shares are liable to forfeiture by the Charter, together with a bill of their dues, and that hereafter Article XII of the Charter be printed on the bills.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,

Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

## Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.



The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 17th, 1892.

The Directors at their first meeting for this year held on September 3rd, voted to allow the Newport Illuminating Company to maintain their pole on the Library sidewalk on Bellevue Avenue for one year from September 10, 1891, for the sum of \$5.

Once again this Institution is indebted to the liberality and kindly interest of its great benefactor the Hon. George W. Gibbs, now of San Francisco but formerly of Newport.

On the 3rd September the President received a letter from Mr. Gibbs, enclosing a draft for one thousand dollars to be expended in the purchase of books — Mr. Gibbs writing: "I also see, the Weld Fund, and the Mercer bequest have become exhausted, and the Book Committee are in want of money to keep the Library up with the times. I therefore enclose a draft on the National Park Bank, New York, for one thousand dollars to be expended for books,

as the Committee may think best." Your President at once wrote on behalf of the Directors, thanking Mr. Gibbs for his very welcome gift, and the Directors at their meeting on September 12 passed 'a vote specially thanking him for his generosity, of which the following is a copy. "At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held at the Library, Newport, R. I., on Saturday, September 12, A. D. 1891, at three o'clock p. m. On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that the thanks of the Library be extended to Mr. George W. Gibbs for his generous donation of one thousand dollars for the purchase of books and that the President communicate this vote to Mr. Gibbs."

Through the kindness of Mr. Daniel B. Fearing the Directors were enabled to buy many valuable and needed books for the sum of \$375.64, being actual cost price, and through the goodness of another of our Directors, Mr Alfred Tuckerman in Paris, France, they were enabled to buy a copy of Larousse's work for the sum of \$80, the publisher's price being \$150—a great saving for the Library.

The Directors greatly appreciated the good offices of these gentlemen and duly passed votes of thanks to them.

The Library is also indebted to Mr. Fearing for his kindness in having had the iron fence around the property painted at his own expense, and to Mr. Tuckerman also for his gift of \$50 towards the cost of a new gallery in the delivery room.

The Library is indebted to Mrs. Edward R. Wharton for a generous gift of \$50.

Major T. K. Gibbs and Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins have each contributed during the year the sum of \$100 which has been added to the General Current Expense Fund in the Newport Savings Bank.

The Directors at a meeting held on January 11, 1892, issued a special share, No. 74, to Dr. N. G. Stanton; they also voted to buy one bond (par value \$1000) of the Newport & Wickford R. R. & S. B. Company, to be added to the permanent investments of the Library, said bond being paid

for out of funds on deposit in the Newport Savings Bank to the credit of the General Current Expense Fund.

The Directors have learned that the late Major General George W. Cullom of New York has by his Last Will and Testament bequeathed to this Institution the sum of \$5000, the income of which only is to be expended for the purchase of books.

The Library is once again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of \$250 for the binding of books.

The Library is also indebted to Mr. Louis B. McCagg for a very generous gift of \$250 for the purchase of books of reference.

The work on the catalogue has progressed satisfactorily.

At a regular meeting held on February 8th last the Directors specially thanked Mr. Joseph Tuckerman for his generous gift of \$100 towards the expense of the catalogue.

The sum of \$389.45 in all has been donated during the year and as a result 5580 books have been catalogued. The total number of books catalogued to date is 21,811. Cards used, 9,350 since the last annual meeting.

The number of taxes collected this year is 153 as against 145 last year and as against 178 five years ago.

The number of subscribers has increased this year which is encouraging.

The Directors desire especially to call attention to Mr. H. G. Marquand's gift of Stevens' "Fac-similes of American MSS.," of which the Library has now thirteen volumes. This is a most valuable gift and places the Library under still further obligations to its generous Director.

A portrait of G. M. Thurston, of Miss Caroline Marsh, and a head by Trautman have been received from the executor of the estate of M. T. Thurston, two oval figure pieces and a copy of Guercino's Magdalen.

Mr. William Binney has given a nice writing desk for the use of the Librarian's assistant.

The Directors have learned with much regret that the

Treasurer, Mr. George Gordon King, after several years' efficient service declines to continue in the position any longer, and they now take this opportunity to convey to him their hearty thanks for the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his duties and also for a generous gift of \$150 to the incidental account.

The Directors have received from Mrs. E. L. Stone of Greenfield, Conn., a portrait of her ancestor, the late President Ezra Stiles, of Yale College, who was at one time Librarian of the Redwood Library, he having been chosen to this position on September 29, 1756.

The Librarian's assistant, Miss Mann, has done very efficient and satisfactory work during the year, she having been appointed to the position so well filled by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Holt resigned his position about a year ago, much to the Directors' regret.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented. The Librarian's Report is also herewith presented.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 569, by gift 321, pamphlets 275, periodicals 120.

The number of books now in the Library is 37,181.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LEROY KING. President,  
for the Directors.

Redwood Library and Athenæum, in account with George Gordon King, Treasurer.

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This is to certify that we have examined the above accounts, and have inventoried the invested Funds and find them correct.

THOMAS P. PECKHAM, } Auditing Committee.  
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR. }



## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the tenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1891-92.

The number of volumes added to the library during the past year is 890, and, as shown in the subjoined table, is entirely by purchase and gift, no volumes having been added by binding periodicals.

No. of volumes in the library, August 19, 1891,	36,291
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . .	569
No. of volumes added by donation, . . .	321
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Total in the library, August 17, 1892,	37,181
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	275
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . .	120
Continuations, . . . . .	66

The books added by purchase have been for the most part works of general literature. Comparatively few works of fiction have been bought and only of those writers for which there is a very general demand. Apparently this limitation will have to be maintained, notwithstanding the frequently expressed desire of our readers for more books of this class, so long as the library has no fund for the purchase of fiction, and the income from the general book



fund remains so small. To a certain extent this lack of fiction is made up by frequent gifts of novels in paper covers, most of which can be bound and which are then more serviceable than the same books in the publishers' flimsy cases.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. George W. Gibbs and Mr. Lewis McCagg the lack of books in the reference department — mention of which was made in the report for 1891 — has been in a measure supplied. The whole of Mr. McCagg's gift of \$250, and a portion of Mr. Gibbs' donation of \$1,000, has been devoted to the acquisition of such works of reference as were most urgently needed — many of which could not at present have been obtained except by these timely gifts. The books thus bought include about a dozen dictionaries of foreign languages, dictionaries of biography and of antiquities, gazetteers, Bryan's Dictionary of painters and engravers, Foster's Alumni Oxoniensis and, above all, Larousse's Grand dictionnaire universelle, with supplements, in seventeen volumes. Most noteworthy among the donations is Mr. H. G. Marquand's valuable gift of Stevens' *Facsimiles of American MSS.*, of which the library now has thirteen volumes.

The number of books issued for home use during the past year slightly exceeds that of the previous one, and justifies the statement made in the last report that the increase of circulation bears a direct ratio, other things being equal, to the number of books purchased. The percentage of fiction is practically the same as last year; about 60%.

In considering the needs of a small library it is not an easy matter to make an entirely satisfactory selection of books. The purchasing committee has to consider the necessity of buying books of permanent value, for which there is usually a limited circle of readers, and the popular demand for works of a lighter and more ephemeral character, suiting the ruling taste of the day which is as changeable as it is transitory. It may be thought that, in the purchases of the past few years, the proportion of so-called "solid" books is

largely to the disadvantage of the lighter ones; but it should be remembered that such a library as this is not merely a lending library, it is also a reference library, a library for study and research, and that the future no less than the present usefulness of the institution depends upon the acquisition of standard works in all departments of knowledge. A larger supply of fiction, however, is unquestionably desirable.

As the reference books are all open to the public, and as call-slips are not used in the library, it has been found impracticable to keep a record of the intramural circulation.

#### COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1882</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>1892</i>
9383	8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282

#### CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	29
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	.	92
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	.	4
5.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	.	749
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	.	501
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	.	495
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	.	101
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	.	73
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	.	198
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	.	69
T.	Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	.	81
U.	Fine arts,	.	.	.	.	.	66
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.	.	.	.	.	358
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	.	242
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	.	1106
Vf.	Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	6799
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	.	195
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	.	116
Y.	Language,	.	.	.	.	.	3
Z.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	5

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	1.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1891,	6	11	—	79	38	34	4	1	14	10	4	3	36	27	85	715	30	12	—	—	1109
September,	4	14	1	53	29	29	4	—	16	2	8	7	29	17	117	701	15	13	—	2	1061
October,	2	10	—	71	43	58	10	5	22	2	7	6	47	24	131	760	17	17	—	1	1233
November,	3	12	—	69	45	51	10	5	8	7	6	1	35	24	90	576	13	11	1	—	967
December,	1	2	—	53	31	36	8	7	10	6	6	—	21	16	67	470	13	6	—	—	753
January, 1892,	1	7	—	62	36	42	4	7	15	5	8	7	20	18	90	476	14	4	—	—	816
February,	2	3	—	64	55	45	12	7	15	4	5	5	24	19	79	467	12	16	—	—	834
March,	—	6	—	54	24	33	12	7	20	5	8	3	22	29	72	480	14	4	—	—	793
April,	—	2	—	63	43	40	8	6	18	5	8	2	30	9	76	443	13	6	—	1	773
May,	3	16	—	45	46	29	6	11	14	6	8	8	13	19	96	465	12	8	1	—	806
June,	3	3	1	69	48	52	7	3	20	8	8	10	39	15	103	600	13	4	—	1	1007
July,	4	6	2	67	63	46	16	14	26	9	5	14	42	25	100	646	29	15	1	—	1130
Total,	29	92	4	749	501	495	101	73	198	69	81	66	358	242	1106	6799	195	116	3	5	11282

During the past library year 5580 volumes have been catalogued and the cards distributed—an increase of 151 over the number for the preceding year. When it is considered that during this time the cataloguing work was interrupted for six weeks owing to lack of means to carry it on, it is evident that the progress made is alone due to the skill and untiring energy of the cataloguer. The average per diem is considerably above that usually shown in other libraries. The number of volumes in the library catalogued since the beginning is 21811. It will therefore be seen that about two-thirds of the whole work is done. In the period embraced in this report the following departments have been catalogued: Greek classics, English poetry, Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts, Fine arts, Philosophy, more than half of the bound periodicals, 53 bound volumes of pamphlets, a part of physical science (periodicals and transactions of societies) and a part of Religion and Theology. Besides Theology and Science there now remain: Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Government and Law, Medicine, Philology, the remainder of the literary periodicals, and most of the books of reference. The subjects enumerated, exclusive of periodicals, reference books and bibliographical works, embrace about 6000 volumes. To these must be added the regular issue of the U. S. government documents, about 3100 volumes. The latter will probably not be class-marked, and will therefore not require so much time in cataloguing as an equal number of other works. As, however, these documents embrace a great variety of subjects, many of them of considerable value, they ought to be closely analysed; so that it cannot be assumed that the work on them will be appreciably lessened by the absence of class-marking.

Making a general estimate of the work still to be done it seems reasonable to conclude that the catalogue of the books of the library can be completed in two years more if the work goes on without interruption.

In addition to the regular work of cataloguing Mrs.

Bliss has, out of working hours, identified and made a slip catalogue of the extremely valuable prints of the C. B. King collection.

Practically no binding has been done during the past year. A few volumes of fiction greatly in demand have been re sewn or rebound, and about half a dozen paper covered novels have been bound when purchased. It is a pleasure to be able to state that Mr. H. G. Marquand has recently promised to give \$250 for the purpose of binding periodicals and books.

Notwithstanding the appeal made in the last report for subscriptions for the erection of a new gallery with additional shelf room, the list posted in the Delivery Room of the library has not been increased by even one name. Meanwhile the books in the library are increasing at the rate of a thousand a year, and some of the shelves are now inconveniently crowded.

As the cataloguing has progressed the elimination of such duplicate books as are not needed in the library has accompanied it. We have now about 800 volumes of duplicates, piled upon tables, chairs and the floor, of which an immediate disposition should be made since they occupy room which is needed for other purposes. Most of them are of very little value. They are worn, sometimes defaced, copies of old, but not valuable, editions, and might well be sold in a lump for what they would bring.

The art department of the library has been increased by a portrait of G. M. Thurston, by Waldo & Jewett, 1848; Miss Caroline Marsh by Jane Stuart, 1838; and a head by J. G. Trautman, 1750, from the estate of Caroline M. Thurston, two oval figure pieces and a copy of Guercino's Magdalen. Mr. William Binney has given to the library a neat and convenient writing-desk for the use of the charging-clerk, whereby her work, often trying in dark days, is much facilitated.

Five books have been reported missing. Whether they

have been abstracted or merely misplaced cannot be determined until a systematic examination of the whole library is made, which can only profitably be done when the catalogue and shelf-lists have been completed. .

The charging clerk, Miss B. D. Mann, has fulfilled the somewhat onerous duties of her position with praiseworthy skill and diligence.

RICHARD BLISS,  
Librarian.

## List of Periodicals taken, 1892.

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| <p>American journal of archaeology.<br/>         American journal of science.<br/>         American naturalist.<br/>         Art amateur.<br/>         Art interchange.<br/>         Atlantic monthly.<br/>         Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)<br/>         Book-buyer.<br/>         Bookseller.<br/>         Boston daily advertiser.<br/>         Boston daily herald.<br/>         Catalogue U. S. Government publications.<br/>         Century.<br/>         Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Civil service reformer. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i><br/>         Civil service record. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i><br/>         Contemporary review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i><br/>         Coöperative index to periodicals.<br/>         Critic.<br/>         Deutsche litteraturzeitung.<br/>         Deutsche rundschau.<br/>         Edinburgh review. (American edition.)<br/>         Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i><br/>         Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i><br/>         English historical review.<br/>         English illustrated magazine.<br/>         Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i><br/>         Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i></p> | <p>Forum.<br/>         Garden and forest.<br/>         Good words.<br/>         Hardwicke's science gossip.<br/>         Harper's magazine.<br/>         Harper's weekly.<br/>         Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i><br/>         Illustrated London news.<br/>         Illustrirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i><br/>         The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i><br/>         Jewelers weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Journal of education.<br/>         Journal of the Franklin Institute.<br/>         Knowledge.<br/>         Library journal.<br/>         Lippincott's magazine.<br/>         Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Literary world.<br/>         Littell's living age.<br/>         London times. (Weekly edition.)<br/>         Longman's magazine.<br/>         Macmillan's magazine.<br/>         Magazine of American history.<br/>         Narragansett historical register. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Nature.<br/>         New Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         New earth. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         New England historical and genealogical register.</p> |
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- New York evening post.  
 New York genealogical and biographical record.  
 New York times.  
 New York tribune.  
 Newport Convocation journal. *From the editors.*  
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport observer. *From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.*  
 Nineteenth century.  
 North American review.  
 Notes and queries. (London.)  
 Pall Mall budget.  
 Path. *Anonymous gift.*  
 Political science quarterly.  
 Popular science news.  
 Providence daily journal.  
 Publishers circular.  
 Publishers weekly.  
 Punch.  
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)  
 Review of reviews.  
 Revue des deux mondes.  
 Religio philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Royal Geographical Society, proceedings. *From F. Sheldon.*  
 St. Nicholas.  
 Saturday review.  
 Scientific American.  
 Scottish review.  
 Scribner's magazine.  
 Spectator.  
 Temple bar.  
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*  
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*  
 Unity. *From the publisher.*  
 Voice. *From the publisher.*  
 Westerly Narragansett weekly. *From the publisher.*



## List of Donors to the Library.

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- Adams, C. F., 1 pph., 1 newspaper.  
 Almon, A. B., 2 vols., 1 pph.  
 Amherst College, 1 pph.  
 Anonymous, 7 vols., 5 pphs., 1 map.  
 Austin, Miss, 6 vols.  
 Austin, I. J., 1 vol.  
 Austin, Mrs. J. G., 1 pph., 32 periodicals.  
 Barrett, B. F., 1 pph.  
 Berry, John M., 1 pph.  
 Best, Mrs. Col. C. L., 8 vols.  
 Bliss, R., 4 vols., 18 pphs.  
 Boston Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Boston State Library, 1 pph.  
 Brinton, D. G., 1 pph.  
 Brooklyn Mercantile Library, 2 pphs.  
 Brown University, 1 pph.  
 Buffum, W. P., 1 vol.  
 Carnahan, James R., 1 pph.  
 Cincinnati Public Library, 3 pphs.  
 Commissioner of Pensions, 1 pph.  
 Concord Free Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Cust, R. N., 1 vol.  
 Dyer, C. J., 1 vol.  
 Ellis, J., 2 pphs.  
 Emmons, A. B., 20 vols., 56 pphs., 11 periodicals.  
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2 pphs.  
 Fall River Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Fearing, A. C., Jr., 1 vol.  
 Fearing, D. B., 4 vols.  
 Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 8 vols.  
 French, A. D. W., 1 vol.  
 Friends Free Library, 1 pph.  
 Gazette Publishing Co., 1 vol.  
 Gibbs, W., 10 vols., 24 pphs., 32 periodicals.  
 Goddard, William, 1 vol.  
 Gordon, H. L., 1 vol.  
 Green, S. S., 1 pph.  
 Gregory, H. E., 1 pph.  
 Griffin, M. J., 1 vol.  
 Harding, Rev. J., 1 vol.  
 Hartford Insurance Co., 1 vol.  
 Harvard University Library, 1 vol., 2 pphs.  
 Harvard Club of R. I., 1 pph.  
 Hayden, Mrs. D. H., 1 vol.  
 Hazard, Rowland, 1 vol.  
 Jersey City Free Public Library, 4 pphs.  
 Johnson, T. L., 1 pph.  
 King, Mrs. Edward, 4 vols.  
 Landers, A. C., 1 vol.  
 Langley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G., 5 vols., 8 pphs., 3 periodicals.  
 Lawrence Free Public Library, 2 pphs.  
 Leland Sanford, Jr., University, 4 pphs.  
 Library Co. of Philadelphia, 2 pphs.  
 Library University of Vermont, 1 pph.  
 MacKaye, H. G., 1 pph.  
 MacKaye, Mrs. M. E., 1 vol.  
 Marquand, H. G., 4 vols., 1 pph.  
 Massachusetts Commissioner Public Records, 1 pph.  
 Massachusetts Institute Technology, 4 pphs.  
 Michigan State Board of Health, 4 pphs., 3 leaflets.  
 Minneapolis Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Mitchell, S. Weir, M. D., 1 vol.  
 Newark Free Public Library, 1 pph.

- New Bedford Free Public Library, 4 pphs.  
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.  
 Newport Superintendent of Schools, 2 vols.  
 Newton Free Library, 1 pph.  
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.  
 New York Maimonides Library, 1 pph.  
 Nicholson, Col. J. P., 2 vols.  
 Nichols, W., 1 pph.  
 Oberlin College, 1 pph.  
 Pell, Mrs. D., 1 vol.  
 Perkins Institute, 1 pph.  
 Phillips Exeter Academy, 1 pph.  
 Pitkin, Prof. C. A., 1 pph.  
 Pope, A. A., 1 pph.  
 Porter, Rev. E. H., 1 pph.  
 Powel, Miss M. E., 20 vols., 19 pphs., 23 periodicals.  
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.  
 Providence Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Providence Record Commissioners, 1 pph.  
 R. I. Board of State Charities, 1 pph.  
 R. I. Commissioner of Schools, 1 map.  
 R. I. Hospital, 2 pphs.  
 R. I. Secretary of State, 2 vols.  
 R. I. State Board of Agriculture, 1 vol.  
 Rives, G. L., 1 pph.  
 Russel, J. A., 1 vol.  
 St. Louis Public Library, 1 vol., 2 pphs.  
 Salem Public Library, 1 pph.  
 Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. E., 1 vol.  
 San Francisco Free Public Library, 1 pph.  
 San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, 1 pph.  
 Sawin, J. M., 1 pph.  
 Sheldon, F., 1 vol.  
 Sheldon, G. C., 1 vol.  
 Sherman, Mrs. A. K., 2 vols.  
 Sherman, W. W., 1 vol.  
 Smithsonian Institution, 2 vols., 3 pphs.  
 Springfield City Library Association, 1 pph.  
 Stevens, J. A., 3 vols.  
 Storer, H. R., 2 pphs.  
 Thurston, C. M., 1 vol., 1 pph.  
 Tompkins, H. B., 2 vols.  
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 2 vols., 2 pphs.  
 U. S. Chief of Ordnance, 1 vol.  
 U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.  
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# LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

## 1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Malcom, Rev. Charles H.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Marquand, Henry G.	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman.)	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Ellen, F.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Norman, George H.	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	1
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.	1
Cornell, Richard,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augustus	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sears, David, Estate,	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Howard,	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson,)	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stanton, Dr. N. G.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Horgan, P. H.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Humphrey, Mrs. P. E., Estate,	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wales, George W.	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
		Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.  
(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

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Almon, Andrew B.	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Crandall, George F.	1
Allan, W. S. N., Estate,	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Bailey, Samuel C., Estate,	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Denniston, George	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Boit, Edward D., Estate,	4	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Engs, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brownell, William	1	Finch, Benjamin,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Fludder, James	4
Bull, Henry	1	Fludder, William	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Foster, John	2
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate,	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	1	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate,	2
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gibbes, Sarah B., Estate,	1
Chase, William L.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Child, Rev. William S.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Goffe, Augustus	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, Thomas,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Cornell, Ellen,	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Cottrell, Michael,	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Covell, Robert S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.	2
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hammett, James H.	1

Harris, Frank G.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Mason, Ida,	1
Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1	Mauran, James E., Estate,	1
Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John		Morris, Wistar,	1
M. Cross.)	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Newton, Edward,	1
Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T.		Newton, Mary H.	1
G.)	1	Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy,	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Panin, Ivan M.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L.		Peckham, Henry S.	2
Kane.)	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Kane, Delancey, Estate,	8	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Pierson,, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Clarence	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Jr.,	1	Reynolds, Gardiner B.	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, George G.	4	Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Langley, Job T., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, William C.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	4
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Sanborn, John P.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sanford, William H.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lemont, Maŷ D. (Mrs. G. V.		Seabury, William G.	1
Wilbur.)	2	Sheffield, William P.	9
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lyon, Joseph, Estate,	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Lyon, Joseph M., Estate,	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Spencer, Lorillard	1

Spooner, Edwin G.	I	Turner, Dr. Henry E.	I
Spooner, Henry D.	I	Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	I
Stevens, Achilles	I	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Stevens, William, Estate,	I	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	I
Stevens, William G.	I	Underwood, William J.	I
Stewart, Anthony	I	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	I
Stoddard, John C.	I	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	I
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	I	Ward, F. Augustus	I
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	I	Ward, Henry N.	I
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	I	Weaver, John G.	I
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	I	Weaver, Sarah C.	I
Terrill, Dr. George	I	Weld, William G.	I
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Thomas, Addison	I	Wharton, Thomas I.	I
Thurston, Benjamin E.	I	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wilbour, Mary A.	I
Tilton, Frederic W.	I	Willard, Elisha W.	I
Tompkins, Frederic	I	Wilson, George H.	I
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	I	Woollett, Sidney	I
Townsend, John F., Estate,	I	Woolsey, Theodora W.	I
Tuckerman, Alfred	I	Wormeley, Katharine P.	I

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

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Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley  
Baker, Mrs. Richard  
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)  
Bennett, J. G.  
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter  
Bryce, J. Smith  
Channing, William F.  
Cornell, Richard  
Dino, Duchesse de  
Dunn, Thomas  
Foster, John  
Gammell, Mrs. William  
Gibbs, George W.  
Griswold, J. N. A.  
Hatch, A. S.  
Hunter, Anna F.  
Kernochan, Frederic  
King, David, Jr.  
King, Mrs. Edward  
Lorillard, Pierre  
Low, A. A.  
Low, Seth

Marquand, H. G.  
Mason, Ellen F.  
Norman, George H.  
Norris, William  
Ogden, Francis L.  
Parkinson, C. B.  
Pell, Mrs. Walden  
Rogers, Daniel  
Rogers, Fairman  
Sheffield, William P., Jr.  
Sheldon, Frederic  
Stevens, Frederick W.  
Stout, Francis A.  
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher  
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.  
Tompkins, Frederic  
Tompkins, Hamilton B.  
Tuckerman, Joseph  
Tweedy, Edmund  
Weld, Mrs. William F.  
Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wharton, C. W.  
Wharton, Joseph







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# OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1893-94.

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## PRESIDENT:

LE ROY KING.

## VICE PRESIDENT:

HENRY H. FAY.

## DIRECTORS:

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,	GEORGE C. MASON,
DANIEL B. FEARING,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
THEODORE K. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
DAVID KING,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
GEORGE G. KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
HENRY G. MARQUAND,	ALFRED TUCKERMAN,
HENRY E. TURNER.	

## TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

## SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,  
ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

GEORGE C. MASON,  
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

## ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,  
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

THEODORE K. GIBBS,  
HENRY E. TURNER,  
DANIEL B. FEARING.

## ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,  
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

GEORGE C. MASON.

## ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

FREDERIC W. TILTON,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, A. D. 1893.

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The one hundred and sixty-third annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 16th, A. D. 1893, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. LeRoy King, President, in the chair, and a quorum of stockholders, in person and by proxy, were ascertained to be present. The records of the last annual meeting were approved. The President read the annual report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders and the Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were also read. Thereupon it was voted that said reports be received and that five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.



The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors.*

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry G. Marquand,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry E. Turner.	

The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Mrs. Richard Cornell and Mr. John R. Leslie.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted to adjourn.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

## Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their annual report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 16, 1893.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand, issued the following appeal to the stockholders and friends of the Library, and substantial results are expected therefrom:

*To the Company and Friends of the Redwood Library and Athenæum:*

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Redwood Library, held on the 17th of August, 1892, the following resolution was passed:

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted: that a committee consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand, be authorized to issue a general appeal to the stockholders and members of the Redwood Library and such other persons as they may deem desirable, urging them to contribute to the funds of this Institution.

In accordance with this Resolution, the committee beg your attention for a few moments, to the needs of this valuable Institution.

To keep up the Library in an efficient manner, the Directors require the sum of \$2,500 per annum.

The receipts from all available sources last year were \$1,858.72.

The value of the Library, grounds, building and contents, together with the invested funds (\$36,000), specific and otherwise, is not far from \$200,000, or about \$5.42 per share. The invested funds are \$16,400.07, the interest to be used for the purchase of books; \$19,278.40, the interest for incidental expenses. There is no debt and no mortgage on the property.

The Company is in need of funds for the following purposes:

1st, for the completion of the catalogue, some \$1,000 is wanted. This work has been heretofore carried on by generous donations from a very few of the shareholders.

2nd, for binding books, and for additional shelf room to care for new books, now increasing at the rate of nearly a thousand volumes per year.

3rd, for the general current expense fund. A sum of \$15,000 is sought to be added to this fund; the interest on this, together with the annual receipts, it is thought, will enable the Directors to keep up the Institution, making it useful to those who use it, and agreeable and interesting to its friends and visitors.

The annual tax of \$5 per shareholder is a small sum to pay for the privileges enjoyed, and as it is now many years since a general appeal has been made to the stockholders, it is hoped that they will treat this application as a matter of interest and importance to them, and respond liberally. By so doing, the shares, almost unsalable at \$5, might easily be advanced to \$100.

It is to be borne in mind also, that a flourishing institution with its future secured, invites assistance and co-operation in many ways. Few institutions in this country can date back as far as yours, as witness the 161st annual report now submitted. It is a venerable pile, handed down to your keeping, and well worthy of your generous support.

Contributions from the stockholders, members and friends are solicited, and may be sent to the President, Mr. LeRoy King, the Treasurer, Mr. Thomas P. Peckham, or to either of the undersigned.

DAVID KING,  
ARTHUR B. EMMONS,  
HENRY G. MARQUAND,

Committee.

NEWPORT, August 24th, 1892.

The Directors at their September meeting voted to renew the lease for one year of a place for a pole on the sidewalk to the Newport Illuminating Company upon the same terms as last year.

It is gratifying to announce that through the efforts of Mr. Emmons the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dol-

lars has been raised for the completion of the catalogue. This is more than is needed and whatever remains after Mrs. Bliss has finished her work can be used in printing any portion of the catalogue which the Directors may consider most acceptable to the stockholders. Good progress has been made by Mrs. Bliss during the year, the number of books catalogued being 9,000, making the total number 30,811. In all probability the catalogue can be completed in another year.

During the year the Library has received the paintings bequeathed to it by the will of Pastora E. Humphrey, deceased.

Mr. Henry G. Marquand has given five more volumes of "Stevens' Fac-similes of Manuscripts relating to American History," making seventeen volumes in all. He has once more given us the sum of \$250 for the binding of books.

The Directors in accordance with article twelve of the Charter have declared forfeited to the Corporation fifty-two shares belonging to delinquent stockholders.

The number of taxes collected this year is 140 as against 153 last year.

The subscriptions have increased from \$278 to \$323.

In the month of May the Library received the munificent gift of \$2,500 from William H. Potter of South Kingstown. The Directors were given full power to dispose of this money in their discretion, and they voted to expend \$500 on a gallery in the West Room to be known as the W. H. Potter Gallery, and the balance has been invested for the present.

A suitable minute in accordance with a vote of the Directors, embodying the thanks of the Institution, was duly sent to Mr. Potter.

At a meeting of the Directors, held on Monday, July 10th, Major T. K. Gibbs announced that he would present on behalf of his brother, George W. Gibbs, the sum of \$3,000, the income of which only is to be used. The Directors print the following letter from Major Gibbs.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 8, 1893.

*President Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.*

Dear Sir: I have this day turned over to your Treasurer three Orford Copper Company bonds (6% 1st mortgage) one thousand dollars each—this being a gift from my brother, George W. Gibbs, as a trust fund, the interest to be used at the discretion of the Directors. I desire you should hold these bonds as I look upon them as being a safe investment.

Yours very truly, etc.,

THEO. K. GIBBS.

The executors of the estate of the late Major General G. W. Cullom have paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$3,250 on account of his legacy of \$5,000. The balance is to be paid when the executors have funds in hand.

The Treasurer has received a check from Mr. Arthur Astor Carey's agent for \$5,000. This sum is given to the Library by Mr. Carey in memory of his brother, the late Henry R. Astor Carey, and the income is to be used in the purchase of books.

The Library is indebted to Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins for a generous donation of medical books and pamphlets which he received from the Library of the late Dr. W. Lamont Wheeler.

Mr. Samuel Coleman has presented the Library with some English and French periodicals containing valuable plates.

Mrs. George R. Fearing has given the sum of \$135 for the purchase of a set of the standard English edition of Dickens' works and also for reference books.

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented, also the Librarian's report.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 361, by gift 719, pamphlets 200, periodicals 903.

The number of books now in the Library is 37,181.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,  
for the Directors.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with The Redwood Library and Athenæum.

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To balance from former account:		By Payments:	
Incidental acct., \$101.87; Library Book acct., \$155.88;		Incidental Account,	
Catalogue " \$0 38; Gibbs		Book " "	\$1,930.59
Gallery " \$50.00;	\$522.38	Gibbs Book " "	814.20
To amount received from 140 Taxes,	700.00	Catalogue " "	133.13
" " Subscriptions,	323.00	Binding " "	465.59
" " Fines,	34.20	By Bonds purchased for	230.70
To Dividends received from		H. R. A. Carey Fund, (see schedule)	
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	200.00	George W. Cullum " "	5,000.00
William S. Rogers " "	160.00	William H. Potter " "	3,000.00
Robert Rogers " "	40.00	By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island,	2,000.00
George G. King " "	40.00	being the balances due the following accounts:	1,799.74
Special Preferred Share Fund,	52.24	Incidental Account,	\$25.60
General Current Expense Fund,	14.88	Book " "	36.68
To Coupons Library Book Fund,	110.00	Binding " "	21.55
" Incidental Fund,	870.00	Gibbs Book " "	81.12
To Donation from LeRoy King for Catalogue Account,	100.00	Gallery " "	50.00
To Donation obtained by A. B. Emmons, Esq., for Catalogue Account,	1,050.00	General Appeal " "	150.00
To Donation for several items,	7.25	Catalogue " "	684.79
" from H. G. Marquand for binding books,	250.00	W. H. Potter " "	500.00
" F. S. G. D'Hauteville,	50.00	G. W. Cullum " "	250.00
" Mrs. Pierson,	100.00		
To Gift from Arthur A. Carey, Esq., (as a Fund in Memory of his brother, Henry R. A. Carey.)	5,000.00		
To amount received from the Executors of the estate of Gen. G. W. Cullum for a Book Fund (being 65% of the bequest of \$5,000),	3,250.00		
To Gift from William H. Potter,	2,500.00		
	\$15,373.95		\$15,373.95

Respectfully submitted:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

The Treasurer has also received by the hands of Major Theodore K. Gibbs a gift from George W. Gibbs of \$3,000 in bonds, the income from this Fund to be used at the discretion of the Directors of the Library.

## MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

## Deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund, . . . . .	\$5,000.00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund, . . . . .	4,000.00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
	George G. King Book Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
	David King Book Fund, . . . . .	1,577.83
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, D. King Book Fund, . . . . .	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund, . . . . .	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund, . . . . .	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund, . . . . .	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund, . . . . .	1,000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport:		
	Special Preferred Share Fund, . . . . .	1,306.29
	General Current Expense Fund, . . . . .	372.11
1	Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%, . . . . .	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%, . . . . .	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%, . . . . .	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%, . . . . .	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%, . . . . .	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%, . . . . .	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%, . . . . .	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, . . . . .	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%, . . . . .	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co., . . . . .	3,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund, . . . . .	3,000.00

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## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the eleventh annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1892-93.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 17, 1892,	37,181
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . . . .	361
No. of volumes added by gift, . . . . .	719
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, . . . . .	66
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	38,327
Worn volumes retired from circulation, . . . . .	98
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Total in the Library, August 16, 1893,	38,229
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	200
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . . .	903
Continuations, . . . . .	37

During the past year the number of books purchased was less than that of the preceding year by about two hundred volumes, but owing to an increase in the number of books received by donation the whole number of volumes acquired exceeds that of last year; the accessions of the present year being 1,146 as against 890 for the previous year. Of the 361 volumes added by purchase about one hundred have been works of fiction. The fiction list has been increased, however, by the binding of over fifty copies



of recent novels given to the Library by a few of our shareholders and subscribers. The notable increase in the number of books given to the Library is mainly owing to the receipt of a large collection of medical works, including *The lancet*, *British and foreign medical review*, *Medical record*, *Braithwaite's retrospect*, and other medical periodicals from the Library of the late Dr. W. L. Wheeler through Mr. H. B. Tompkins.

The reference department of the Library has this year benefitted by the generosity of Mrs. George R. Fearing who gave forty dollars for the purchase of books in this department. To this liberal donor the users of the Library will also be indebted for the gift of a set of the large-type English edition of Charles Dickens' works. Among some of the more important gifts of books may be mentioned the continuation of Stevens' "Facsimiles of American manuscripts"; the "History of the centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington" from Mr. H. G. Marquand; a set of the Reports of the Canada geological survey, from the office of the Survey through senator Dr. W. J. Almon; eight volumes of *L'art* and seven volumes of *The portfolio*, containing many valuable plates, from Mr. Samuel Colman; Family histories and genealogies by E. E. and E. McC. Salisbury in five volumes, the gift of the Hon. George P. Wetmore; An Account of the Mitchell family by Rebecca Gould Mitchell, type-written by J. S. Rogers of Saratoga Springs, and presented by him to the Library.

The need of more books in all departments of literature, including fiction, of which mention has been made in recent reports, still continues. Until the book funds of the Library are considerably increased we shall be debarred from the purchase of very many useful and entertaining works which should be upon our shelves.

During the past year the number of books issued for home use shows an increase of 839 volumes over that of the previous year—the whole number of volumes taken out this year being 12,121. Of these the number of novels issued remains about the same as during recent years; the proportion of fiction being nearly 62 per cent. Among the

other classes works on biography, history, description and travels, as usual, have the largest circulation.

Although no record is kept of books used within the Library it has been evident to the officers of the Library that the number of people who have used the Library for consultation last year has not been as great as during some of the previous years. The cause of this falling off is not evident, since the Library is now in a better condition (so far as its reference department, at least, is concerned) than it has ever been before. A few persons pursuing special studies have made constant use of the Library with satisfactory result, but for the past year or two the number of special students using the Library has gradually diminished. The following tables give the statistics of circulation.

#### COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>1892</i>	<i>1893</i>
8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121

#### CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	42
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	.	89
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	.	21
5.	Biography	.	.	.	.	.	615
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	.	509
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	.	589
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	.	109
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	.	103
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	.	227
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	.	86
T.	Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	.	64
U.	Fine arts,	.	.	.	.	.	123
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.	.	.	.	.	418
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	.	135
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	.	1186
Vf.	Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	7488
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	.	154
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	.	144
Y.	Language,	.	.	.	.	.	11
Z.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	8

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	1.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1892,	5	1	—	59	50	54	10	8	9	15	5	7	62	16	93	605	23	8	1	—	1031
September,	2	4	1	64	53	52	14	18	27	3	10	5	48	6	87	695	24	10	1	3	1127
October,	6	8	—	74	63	61	13	8	25	5	12	10	35	20	79	754	23	10	1	1	1208
November,	4	8	—	52	51	55	12	7	23	5	7	6	23	10	91	575	8	8	—	1	946
December,	8	5	—	37	31	46	10	5	26	6	10	3	26	9	135	605	5	16	2	—	985
January, 1893,	4	5	1	42	32	63	12	14	10	5	5	3	21	10	84	605	13	15	—	—	944
February,	1	14	2	30	41	39	10	7	15	9	4	5	41	9	95	630	10	14	2	—	978
March,	3	9	5	55	40	51	9	7	17	11	4	13	35	10	101	633	11	15	—	—	1029
April,	3	7	1	35	31	40	5	6	19	8	3	17	36	17	123	545	8	15	1	—	920
May,	2	7	6	45	31	33	4	7	25	7	—	9	38	11	100	548	11	8	2	1	895
June,	2	6	2	51	34	43	5	7	14	4	2	17	24	5	90	592	6	11	—	1	916
July,	2	15	3	71	52	52	5	9	17	8	2	28	29	12	108	701	12	14	1	1	1142
Total,	42	89	21	615	509	589	109	103	227	86	64	123	418	135	1186	7488	154	144	11	8	12121

The cataloguing work shows remarkable progress during the past year, the number of volumes catalogued during the year being 9000. This is over 3000 more than the number catalogued the previous year, and is an unusually large number for the period. That so many volumes have been catalogued in the space of twelve months is in part owing to the fact that the cataloguer has devoted more time to the work, and in part to the nature of the work which has been done. The work for the year just closed has included nearly all the U. S. government documents and most of the literary periodicals. As these bear no class-marks, and as the latter require no analysis the work on them has been correspondingly rapid. It cannot, however, be assumed that the work of the coming year will show an equally large number of books catalogued, but so well advanced is the work that the end of another year (unless large accessions are received in the meantime) will probably see the catalogue nearly or quite completed.

Since the last report Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Politics, and a part of Science have been done. There now remain Government, Law, Medicine, Philology, the Book-arts, together with a portion of the reference books.

Early in the calendar year the increase in the number of cards rendered it necessary that all the drawers in the catalogue-case should be used, and the work of shifting the cards was done by Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, without serious interruption to the use of the catalogue. But the change has entailed an inconvenience which at times is seriously felt. Owing to lack of sufficient light in the Delivery-room—more especially on cloudy days—one-half of the catalogue-case, and consequently one-half of the catalogue is veiled in semi-darkness which makes the consultation of the cards extremely difficult and trying. Even when the gas is lighted but little relief is obtained, as the gas-jets are so high that the light is too much diffused to properly illuminate the cards. A couple of gas-jets, provided with reflectors, placed immediately above the catalogue-case are very much needed, and would obviate the

most serious difficulty which every one who uses the catalogue now experiences.

Once more the library is indebted to the kindness of Mr. H. G. Marquand for the binding which has been done during the past year; his gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for this purpose having been expended in rebinding such volumes as most needed it, and in putting into covers unbound books and the most important of the current magazines. In order to bind all the periodicals which the Library receives we need a considerable increase of our funds. The binding of the larger periodicals and newspapers is so expensive, and our means so limited, that none of these have, for a long time, been sent to the book-binder. Furthermore very few of the cheaper books are sent to be rebound, as the cost of a new copy is scarcely greater than that of putting new covers on the old one, which, moreover, is pretty sure to come to pieces internally before the new binding is much worn.

The need of additional shelf room, which was insisted on in the last report, still exists even more noticeably than last year. Not only is a systematic arrangement of all the books by subject at present impossible, but even the floor of the reading-room gallery is now used for holding books for which there is no shelf room. Unless considerable additional shelving be provided the Library will be completely overstocked by the end of another year.

So long as the Library is cramped for room it will be impossible to put into operation a long-considered plan for separating from the general stack and keeping by themselves the juvenile books for the convenience of the younger portion of our readers. An approximation toward this end is being made in separating the juvenile fiction from the rest of the novels and keeping these books together in one part of the fiction room.

The crowded condition of some of our shelves, particularly fiction, has made it necessary—and general convenience has made it desirable—that the very old books which are rarely or never asked for should be put by them-

selves in the back room, or in the gallery. Hence, as the cataloguing has gone on, such works have been taken out from the others and made to form a subordinate library, now temporarily placed in the small room north of the East Room. On the cards such books are designated by a colon prefixed to the class-mark in order that the seeker may not look for them among the general books.

During the year no disposition has been made of the duplicates of which we have now about a thousand volumes, the special committee on the disposal of duplicates having deemed it wiser to wait till all, or nearly all, the duplicates have been collected before disposing of them. Our limited space for books would seem to make it advisable that these volumes be sold, if practicable, during the coming year. A catch-title list of them on slips has been made by the assistant in the Library.

To the art department of the Library has been added the following: three paintings the gift of Miss E. O. Gibbes from the estate of Miss S. B. Gibbes; five oil paintings and one engraving from the estate of Mrs. Pastora E. Humphrey.

Two volumes have been lost or injured, and replaced by the persons to whom they were charged. Three books are known to be missing from their places on the shelves, but whether they have been lost or merely misplaced cannot at present be determined. The practice of allowing special students to visit the shelves, while being of great benefit to the student, does, it must be admitted, result in much inconvenience to the librarian and his assistant from the inevitable disarrangement of books on the shelves and the consequent confusion of the classification.

Miss Ada E. Gosling, who last autumn succeeded Miss Mann in charge of the delivery department, has performed her duties in the most eminently satisfactory manner.

RICHARD BLISS,  
Librarian.



# List of Periodicals taken, 1893.

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| Academy.   | Far and near. <i>Gift.</i>  |
| American journal of archaeology.                           | Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D.</i>                           |
| American journal of science.                               | H. Hayden.  |
| American naturalist.                                       | Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W.</i>                            |
| Antiquary.   | Gibbs.  |
| Atlantic monthly.  | Forum.  |
| Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)                  | Free Russia. <i>From the manager.</i>                             |
| Book-buyer.  | Garden and forest.  |
| Bookseller.  | Geographical journal. <i>From F.</i>                              |
| Boston daily advertiser.                                   | Sheldon.  |
| Boston daily herald.                                       | Geological magazine.  |
| Catalogue U. S. Government publications.                   | Good words.   |
| Century.   | Hardwicke's science gossip.                                       |
| Charities review. <i>From Miss Anna Hunter.</i>            | Harper's magazine.  |
| Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>           | Harper's weekly.  |
| Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>             | Harper's young people.  |
| Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>                                    | Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>                          |
| Collector. <i>From Dr. H. R. Storer.</i>                   | Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>           |
| Contemporary review.                                       | Illustrated London news.  |
| Coöperative index to periodicals.                          | Illustirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D.</i>                           |
| Cosmopolitan.  | H. Hayden.  |
| Critic.  | The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i> |
| Deutsche rundschau.  | Iowa churchman. <i>From the publisher.</i>                        |
| Dial.  | Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>                      |
| Edinburgh review. (American edition.)                      | Journal of education.   |
| Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>                | Knowledge.  |
| Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>                   | Library journal.  |
| English historical review.                                 | Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>                         |
| English illustrated magazine.                              | Literary world.   |
| Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i> | Littell's living age.   |
|  | London times. (Weekly edition.)                                   |
|  | Longman's magazine.   |
|  | Macmillan's magazine.   |
|  | Magazine of American history.                                     |

- Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*  
 Narragansett historical register.  
     *From the publisher.*  
 Nation.  
 Nature.  
 Natural science.  
 New earth. *From the publisher.*  
 New England historical and genealogical register.  
 New review.  
 New York evening post.  
 New York genealogical and biographical record.  
 New York times.  
 New York tribune.  
 Newport Convocation journal. *From the editors.*  
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport observer. *From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.*  
 Nineteenth century.  
 North American review.  
 Northwest magazine. *From C. E. Bray, ag't N. P. R. R.*  
 Notes and queries. (London.)  
 Pall Mall budget.  
 Path. *Anonymous gift.*  
 Popular science news.  
 Providence daily journal.  
 Publishers circular.  
 Publishers weekly.  
 Punch.  
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)  
 Review of reviews.  
 Revue des deux mondes.  
 Religio philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*  
 R. I. Historical Society publications.  
     *From the Society.*  
 St. Nicholas.  
 Saturday review.  
 Scientific American.  
 Scottish review.  
 Scribner's magazine.  
 Spectator.  
 Tablet. *Gift.*  
 Temple bar.  
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*  
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*  
 Unity. *From the publisher.*  
 Westerly Narragansett weekly.  
     *From the publisher.*  
 Westminster review. *From Dr. W. Gibbs.*



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Balch, Edward S., 1 vol.  
Bixby, Capt. W. H., U. S. A., 1 map.  
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Denver Public Library, 8 pphs.  
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Emerson, F. F., 273 periodicals.  
Emmons, A. B., 1 vol., 37 pphs., 2 periodicals.  
Enoch Pratt Free Library, 3 pphs.  
Essex Institute, 1 pph.  
Fall River Public Library, 1 pph.  
Fearing, D. B., 2 vols.  
Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 56 vols.  
Foster, W. E., 2 pphs.  
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Geological Survey of Canada, 7 vols.  
Gibbes, Miss E. O., 2 vols.  
Gibbs, F. A., 1 vol.  
Gibbs, Dr. W., 1 vol., 17 pphs., 4 periodicals.  
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 San Francisco Free Public Library, 1 pph.  
 San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, 1 pph.  
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 Stockwell, T. B., 1 vol.  
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 Worcester Free Public Library, 1  
 pph.  
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 pph.  
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Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Cornell, Mrs. Alice	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augustus	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sears, David, Estate,	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson,)	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hogan, P. G., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Humphrey, Mrs. P. E., Estate,	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Wales, George W.	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate;	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
		Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willett, Edward M.	1

## 2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

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Almon, Andrew B.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Denniston, George	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Baker, Darius	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Fay, Henry H.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Fludder, James	4
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fludder, William	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Foster, John	2
Buffum, William P.	1	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Sarah B., Estate,	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Chase, William L.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Child, Rev. William S., Estate,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Coggeshall, Thomas,	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1
Covell, Robert S.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John	
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	M. Cross.)	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
DeBlois, H. M.	1	Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T. G.)	1
DeBlois, Henry D.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1

Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane.)	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kane, Delancey, Estate,	8	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, Clarence	1	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Estate,	5	Rhineland, Frederick W.,	1
King, David, Jr.,	1	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
King, George G.	4	Rider, Philip	1
King, William H.	6	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	4
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur.)	2	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mason, George C.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Terrill, Dr. George	1
Morris, Wistar	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newton, Mrs. Abby E., Estate,	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Newton, Dudley	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Newton, Edward	1	Tompkins, Frederic	1
Newton, Mary H.	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2	Turner, Dr. Henry E.	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Twedy, Edmund	2
		Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
		Underwood, William J.	1

Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1	Wharton, Thomas I.	1
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Weaver, John G.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Weaver, Sarah C.	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Weld, William G.	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2	Wormeley, Katharine P.	1

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

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Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley  
Baker, Mrs. Richard  
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)  
Bennett, J. G.  
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter  
Bryce, J. Smith  
Channing, William F.  
Cornell, Richard  
Dino, Duchesse de  
Dunn, Thomas  
Foster, John  
Gammell, Mrs. William  
Gibbs, George W.  
Griswold, J. N. A.  
Hatch, A. S.  
Hunter, Anna F.  
Kernochan, Frederic  
King, David, Jr.,  
King, Mrs. Edward  
Lorillard, Pierre  
Low, Seth  
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.  
Norman, George H.  
Norris, William  
Ogden, Francis L.  
Parkinson, C. B.  
Pell, Mrs. Walden  
Rogers, Daniel  
Rogers, Fairman  
Sheffield, William P., Jr.,  
Sheldon, Frederic  
Stevens, Frederick W.  
Stout, Francis A.  
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher  
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.  
Tompkins, Frederic  
Tompkins, Hamilton B.  
Tuckerman, Joseph  
Tweedy, Edmund  
Weld, Mrs. William F.  
Wetmore, George Peabody  
Wharton, C. W.  
Wharton, Joseph



[APPENDIX A.]

CATALOGUE SUBSCRIBERS.

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LeRoy King,	\$100	T. K. Gibbs,	\$50
G. P. Wetmore,	100	J. J. Van Alen,	50
Miss E. F. Mason,	300	Edmund Tweedy,	50
Miss Ida Mason,	300	David King,	50
H. A. C. Taylor,	50		
H. G. Marquand,	50	Total,	\$1,150
A. B. Emmons,	50		





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**PRESIDENT:**

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HENRY H. FAY.

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ARTHUR B. EMMONS,	JOHN HARE POWEL,
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LOUIS B. MCCAGG,	HENRY E. TURNER,
GEORGE W. WALES.	

**TREASURER:**

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

**SECRETARY:**

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.



# Standing Committees of Directors.

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## ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,  
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HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

## ON FINANCE.

JOHN HARE POWEL,  
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

THEODORE K. GIBBS,  
HENRY E. TURNER,  
DANIEL B. FEARING.

## ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,  
GEORGE W. WALES.

## ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

LOUIS B. McCAGG.

## ON REPAIRS.

JOHN HARE POWEL,

GEORGE G. KING,  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

## ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

## ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

FREDERIC W. TILTON  
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, A. D. 1894.

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The one hundred and sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th, A. D. 1894, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. H. H. Fay, Vice President, in the chair, and a quorum of stockholders in person and by proxy were ascertained to be present. The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Mr. George Gordon King read the annual report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders, and the Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were also read. Thereupon it was voted that said reports be received and that five hundred copies thereof be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

On motion of Mr. George Gordon King the following persons having received transfer of shares during the year

were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Dr. Henry W. Gillett, Annie Horgan, Executrix, Hiram Burlingham, Creighton Withers, Mary F. Leavitt, Gardiner B. Perry, R. Hammett Tilley and John Hare Powel.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

*Directors:*

Arthur B. Emmons,	John Hare Powel,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry G. Marquand,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Louis B. McCagg,	Henry E. Turner,
George W. Wales.	

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs it was voted that Messrs. H. B. Tompkins and G. G. King be a committee to dispose of such duplicate volumes in the Library as in their judgment can and ought to be sold.

On motion of Mr. Emmons it was voted to adjourn.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

## Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 15, 1894.

The year just closed has been one of advancement for the Library, both in the number of books added and in the number of those who availed themselves of the privileges afforded by this Institution, as is shown in detail by the report of the Librarian. It has also been one of loss, for two of those who were present at our last Annual Meeting are absent today, and we miss, not only the faces, but also the counsel and advice of Mr. George C. Mason and Mr. David King, both of whom were long identified with this Institution, and to whose efforts it is largely indebted for its present degree of success, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Directors.

Mr. William H. Potter, of South Kingston, Mr. Henry G. Marquand and Prof. Fairman Rogers have again placed the Library under obligations to them, by reason of their generosity. In May, 1893, the sum of \$2500 was received from Mr. Potter, of which amount \$500 was expended on

the erection of a gallery in the West Room, called after the donor, and the building was closed in December last to permit the construction of this gallery. In January of this year, Mr. Potter added to his former gift another one of like amount, accompanied by the following letter:

KINGSTON, January 27th, 1894.

*To the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, Rhode Island.*

GENTLEMEN:

I enclose herewith my check on the Old National Bank, Providence, to the order of the Redwood Library and Athenæum for \$2500, for the uses and purposes of said Library and Athenæum.

Possibly this may be received by you in time to be used in connection with the check I sent some months ago, if that purpose or plan has not been completed. This however is a suggestion merely, nothing more, leaving it entirely to the Trustees or those in charge, to use it as they, in their judgment, shall deem best for the Library.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. POTTER.

This sum, together with the \$2000 remaining from the first gift, has been temporarily deposited in the Newport Savings Bank, and is now known as the "William H. Potter Fund," and for the present, the income is to be applied for incidental expenses.

From Mr. Marquand have been received four more volumes of "Stevens' Fac-similes of American Manuscripts," making twenty-one volumes in all.

The donation from Professor Fairman Rogers consists of 1740 volumes, 103 maps, and \$100 for the purpose of re-binding any of the books that are in need of it.

For all of these gifts, suitable resolutions of thanks were passed by the Board of Directors and forwarded by the Secretary to the donors. The Directors, however, take this opportunity to say to the patrons of the Library, that while they are aware that this simple acknowledgment is all that the Library can offer in return for such gifts, they fully appreciate how inadequate such expressions of thanks are in comparison with what has been received.

In May the amount of \$1669.50 was received from the Executors of the estate of the late Major General G. W.

Cullum, being the balance due on his legacy of \$5000. The Directors decided to put this sum in the Newport Savings Bank, and to allow the interest to accumulate until the entire fund amounts to \$5000, the amount of the original bequest, before the deduction of the collateral inheritance tax.

One occurrence during the year is especially deserving of mention, both for its own sake and as a very practical illustration of the need of an increase in our "Incidental Fund." On the afternoon of July 14th, Newport was visited by a most disastrous hailstorm. The skylights and many of the windows on the north side of the Library were broken. It was found that \$120 would be required to make the necessary repairs, and the Treasurer was authorized to borrow, for a time not to exceed two months, the sum of \$400 to meet this unexpected expense as well as other incidental items. In this connection the Board of Directors calls attention to the present inadequate resources for meeting the incidental expenses of the Library. The numerous small items of expense which are constantly arising are in a measure unprovided for. The fact that it has been necessary to borrow \$400 on this account is a strong appeal that more income is needed for incidental purposes.

If the Directors had more money to the Incidental Account a much needed improvement could be made. A large new skylight would immensely improve the West Room. On dark days artificial light almost invariably has to be used.

Complete statistics in reference to the Library will be found in the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, which are submitted herewith, but a few general statements taken from these reports may not be out of place. Very substantial progress has been made in cataloguing the books: four thousand volumes have been catalogued this year, as well as 1398 pamphlets, making 34,811 books in all, and, with the pamphlets, a total of 36,209. We trust that our next report will announce that the work has been completed.

The total number of books added this year, by purchase is 320; by gift, 2210; pamphlets 230, and periodicals

102. The books now in the Library number 40,579. A slight increase is shown in the receipts from taxes and subscriptions, which is very satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

GEORGE GORDON KING.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with The Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1894. Aug. 11.	To balance from former account:	1894. Aug. 11.	By Payments:
	Incidental acct., \$25.60; Book acct., \$36.68;		Incidental Account, . . . \$2,581.49
	Binding acct., 21.55; Gibbs Book acct., 81.12;		Book " " " " 963.77
	Gallery " 50.00; General Appeal " 150.00;		Catalogue " " " 473.93
	Catalogue " 684.79; W. H. Potter " 500.00;		Binding " " " 125.30
	George W. Cullum acct., \$250; . . . \$1,799.74		Gallery " " " 547.00
	To amount received from 154 Taxes, . . . \$770.00		
	" " Subscriptions, . . . 388.00		
	" " Fines, . . . 31.20		
			By Deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport to the credit of:
	To Donation from Fairman Rogers, for binding, . . . 100.00		Current Expense Fund, . . . \$150.00
	Gift from William H. Potter, . . . 2,500.00		Gen. George W. Cullum Fund, . . . 1,919.50
	Amount received from the executors of the estate of Gen. George W. Cullum for a Book Fund, . . . 1,575.00		William H. Potter Fund, . . . 2,500.00
	(being the balance of the bequest of \$5,000 less \$175 for tax deducted by the Surrogate Court of N. Y.)		
	To Interest from the estate of George W. Cullum, . . . 94.50		
	To Dividends received from		By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island, being the balances due the following accounts:
	John Carter Brown Book Fund, . . . 200.00		Incidental Account, . . . \$18.40
	William S. Rogers, " " " 160.00		Book " " " 18.31
	Robert Rogers " " " 40.00		Catalogue " " " 211.76
	George G. King " " " 40.00		Fairman Rogers Account for Binding, 100.00
	Special Preferred Share Fund, . . . 52.24		
	General Expense Fund, . . . 19.38		
	To Coupons Library Book Fund, . . . 400.00		
	" Incidental Fund, . . . 1,100.00		
	To Donation Book Account, . . . 1.50		
	To Borrowed from National Bank of Rhode Island, . . . 400.00		
			<u>\$9,671.56</u>

We have examined the accounts of Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, and find the accounts correct and the securities as stated by him.

Newport, R. I., August 14, 1894.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } Auditors.  
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, }

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.



## MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

## Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	.	.	.	\$5,000.00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	.	.	.	4,000.00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	.	..	.	1,000.00
	George G. King Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
	David King Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,729.37
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,919.50
	William H. Potter Fund,	.	.	.	2,500.00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	.	.	.	1,306.29
	General Current Expense Fund,	.	.	.	522.11
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	.	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	.	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	.	2000.00
1	Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	.	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%,	.	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	.	.	.	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	.	.	.	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	.	.	.	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	.	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	.	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	.	.	.	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co., 5%,	.	.	.	3,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund,	.	.	.	3,000.00

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 \$52,977.27

## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the twelfth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1893-94.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 16, 1893,	38,229
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . . . .	320
No. of volumes added by gift, . . . . .	2,210
	<hr/> 40,759
Worn volumes retired from circulation, . . . . .	180
	<hr/> 40,579
Total in the Library, August 15, 1894,	40,579
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	230
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . . .	102
Continuations, . . . . .	63

The table shows a large accession of books during the past year—an increase greater than that of any other year since the receipt of the Emott bequest. This increase is due entirely to gifts, since the number of books purchased is somewhat less than the number for the previous year. Of these gifts the most important, by far, is that of Fair-

man Rogers, which included the majority of the books of his private Newport library. This generous gift embraced 1,740 volumes and 103 maps, nearly all the books being well bound and in such a state of preservation as the books of gentleman's library are expected to be. About one hundred or more volumes—mainly fiction—were unbound, and in order that these might be put into covers Mr. Rogers, at the same time, gave one hundred dollars for the purpose of binding them.

This gift of Mr. Rogers is a most valuable one to the library. Very many of the books are expensive works such as the library is not likely to buy at present, at least, but which are most desirable additions to its shelves. Others are books of better or later editions than those we have, or which are in a better state of preservation than our much used copies. Altogether the donation is one of the most useful and acceptable gifts which the library has ever received.

Smaller gifts have been made by H. B. Tompkins, Mrs. George R. Fearing, Mrs. Harold Brown, Hon. Geo. P. Wetmore, and others. Mr. Wetmore's gift very nearly completes our set of the Illustrated London News. Mr. H. G. Marquand has continued, during the year, the set of B. F. Stevens' Facsimilies of American manuscripts. The library now possesses a complete set of this invaluable work as far as published.

It should be noted that the number of volumes in the library as shown in the foregoing table is considerably in excess of the real number on the shelves. The figures in the table are obtained from the yearly accessions added to the whole number for the preceding year.

As the library is being catalogued it was not deemed necessary to keep an account of the duplicates taken from circulation, since the whole number of books in the library will be shown when the catalogue is finished. Consequently it will be understood that the number of volumes in the library is too high by the number of duplicates discarded. This number will probably be somewhere between 2,500 and 3,000 volumes.

The number of books issued for home use during the past year is somewhat smaller than that of the year previous. The reduced number of books circulated in December is owing to the fact that the library was closed two weeks in that month for the erection of the new Pottery gallery in the Delivery Room. This curtailment of the circulation to one half of the month has reduced the total circulation notwithstanding an increase in some of the other months. Had the library been open throughout December the circulation would have been about the same as the year before.

The character of the reading remains about the same as in previous years—novels, biographies, and books of travel being the ones most sought for. Of the latter class not many works have been bought, owing to the high price of such publications and the limited state of our book-funds. The demand for fiction is steady, and not only should more works of this kind be purchased, but in cases of very popular books, such as *Marcella*, *The Prince of India*, and others, several copies of each are needed. The demand for *Marcella* has been extraordinary, a dozen copies would not have met the demand for it. The proportion of fiction is a little higher this year, being 64 per cent. of the whole.

The intra-mural use of books, mainly reference books, has considerably increased during the past year. In the reference department there still remain some gaps which it is highly desirable should be filled. The library ought certainly to have such biographical works as *Jöcher's Gelehrte Lexikon*, *Zedler's Universal Lexikon*, *Nagler's Dictionary of artists*, and above all the *Royal Society's Catalogue of scientific papers*—eleven volumes of which have now been published. With these, and a few other less expensive works, the Reference Department of the library would be admirably equipped.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation.

#### COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544

## CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	34
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	130
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	23
5.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	516
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	386
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	436
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	73
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	76
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	181
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	74
T.	Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	50
U.	Fine arts,	.	.	.	.	124
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.	.	.	.	326
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	208
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	1324
Vf.	Fiction,	.	.	.	.	7423
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	110
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	132
Y.	Language,	.	.	.	.	18
Z.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	0

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	I.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1893,	6	8	3	66	35	51	13	10	16	6	3	18	28	17	132	801	11	11	2	—	1237
September,	3	18	3	55	47	52	10	10	15	8	3	15	33	27	141	758	18	9	3	—	1228
October,	7	13	4	61	18	46	5	6	22	4	5	11	31	11	133	667	20	21	5	—	1090
November,	4	7	3	49	40	28	17	10	21	7	10	15	28	23	119	607	19	18	4	—	1119
December,	—	6	1	12	12	18	1	7	6	8	2	4	6	10	77	234	5	4	—	—	413
January, 1894,	—	9	1	27	18	33	5	6	10	4	2	12	23	27	122	620	4	8	1	—	932
February,	2	10	2	34	26	25	4	6	10	5	3	6	27	16	134	512	3	10	—	—	835
March,	1	13	2	41	25	25	1	1	13	3	3	9	20	14	100	598	4	13	—	—	886
April,	1	8	2	26	40	23	2	6	14	4	7	5	26	9	84	572	6	7	2	—	844
May,	4	11	1	21	31	25	4	4	14	4	4	2	28	19	67	552	5	7	—	—	803
June,	2	15	—	54	37	63	3	8	21	8	5	17	36	18	102	651	8	10	—	—	1058
July,	4	12	1	70	57	47	8	2	19	13	3	10	40	17	113	761	7	14	1	—	1199
Total,	34	130	23	516	386	436	73	76	181	74	50	124	326	208	1324	7423	110	132	18	—	11544

With the exception of the fortnight during which the library was closed, the cataloguing has gone on without interruption, though the progress made during the latter half of the year has not been as great as during the earlier portion. This has been due chiefly to the fact that the subjects treated latterly have been more troublesome to classify and catalogue than those previously done—Law, Government, and Administration having been particularly difficult. In addition to this the demands upon the time of the librarian in his administrative duties have been so great that occasionally the cataloguing has been delayed from his inability to find time to prepare the books for the cataloguer.

The books on all the subjects except Bibliography and the Book Arts and the reference books have been done. There are however to be considered the books received from Fairman Rogers, which will still further delay the completion of the work. It will probably take until the end of the calendar year to catalogue all that remains to be done. The number of books catalogued since the last annual report is 4,000 volumes and 1,398 pamphlets making the whole number thus far catalogued 34,811 volumes, and 1,398 pamphlets.

It should be noted that only about one half of the unbound pamphlets in the library have been catalogued. The work of cataloguing these has been postponed, partly because they are of less importance than the books, and partly because, being unbound, it has been found that the cataloguing of pamphlets which are subsequently to be bound together is unsatisfactory through liability to error. The unbound pamphlets should be bound as soon as it can be done in order that they may be catalogued.

In consequence of lack of funds no volumes have been bound during the past year. The rapid increase of our periodicals and the steady deterioration of the bound books from use, not to say occasionally from abuse, makes the need of money for binding quite imperative. So little binding has been done for the past two or three years that probably six or eight hundred dollars would be re-



quired to put into covers those books and periodicals which at present absolutely require binding. Mr. H. G. Marquand has recently promised eighty dollars for binding such books or periodicals as most need it.

The William H. Potter memorial gallery which was put up in the the Delivery Room last December has given the library a measure of relief for its overcrowded shelves. It will hold about 2,800 volumes. Owing to the fact that a gallery is much less accessible than the floor only such books have been put in it as are infrequently consulted. There are at present: Departmental reports of the U. S. Government, Medicine, Military and Naval Arts, Law, Government and Administration. Notwithstanding the number of books which the new gallery holds it has not much more than provided shelf room for the overplus of volumes, and given shelf room for the increase of the Government documents. The library is still too crowded to permit a systematic arrangement of its books, and some departments are yet overcrowded.

It seems desirable that attention should be called to the fact that the Delivery Room needs more natural light. In ordinary weather it is too dark for reading, except near the front windows, and in cloudy weather gas has to be burned all day. Only on sunny afternoons is the room adequately illuminated. A dome with glass side lights, such as exists in the Reading Room appears to be the only way in which this difficulty can be overcome. The burning of gas so much of the time in this room is not only trying to the eyes, but is also expensive.

Last year the room in which the works of fiction are kept was found to be so crowded that there was no space on the shelves for additions. In order to provide the necessary room—there being no place to which the books could be moved—the fiction was overhauled and all the old and infrequently read copies were taken out and put in one of the side rooms. At the same time the juvenile fiction was separated and put in a place by itself so as to be readily accessible to those looking for stories for children. The Fiction Room is still too small to hold all the novels and



juveniles, which have overflowed into the Delivery Room. In fact the day is not distant when the whole of the Delivery Room will have to be used for reference books and fiction.

Now that the cataloguing is nearly finished some action should be taken looking to the disposal of the duplicates. Piled up as they are on the top of the cases in the East Room they are not only useless but unsightly. It is recommended that they be disposed of as soon that can conveniently be done.

From time to time during the past year several books have been found missing from their places on the shelves. In two or three instances missing books have silently reappeared in their places after a lapse of time, but a number are still absent. Displacement may account for some of the lost books, but not for all. The only way in which loss by theft may be prevented is by absolutely prohibiting access to the shelves on the part of the public. This however, in such a library as ours is not recommended. The loss of a few books does not outweigh the advantage to readers of access to the shelves. In order to determine just how many books are missing a shelf-list to the whole library is necessary, and after the library is catalogued this should be immediately undertaken.

Miss Gosling—the assistant upon whom falls the duty of charging the books and such other incidental work as may properly be delegated to her—has performed her work with the most praiseworthy diligence and conscientiousness. The library is very fortunate in having so capable and urbane a clerk.

RICHARD BLISS,  
Librarian.

## List of Periodicals taken, 1894.

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- American journal of archæology.  
American journal of science.  
American naturalist.  
Antiquary.  
Atlantic monthly.  
Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)  
Book-buyer.  
Bookseller.  
Boston daily advertiser.  
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Catalogue U. S. Government publications.  
Century.  
Charities review. *From* Newport Charity Organization.  
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Classical review.  
Collector. *From* Dr. H. R. Storer.  
Contemporary review.  
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Cosmopolitan.  
Critic.  
Deutsche rundschau.  
Dial.  
Edinburgh review. (American edition.)  
Emmanuel parish. *From the rector.*  
English historical review.  
English illustrated magazine.  
Essex Institute Bulletin. *From the Essex Institute.*  
Fliegende blaetter. *From* Mrs. D. H. Hayden.  
Fortnightly review.  
Forum.  
Free Russia. *From the manager.*  
Garden and forest.  
Geographical journal. *From* F. Sheldon.  
Gentleman's magazine.  
Good words.  
Good roads. *From the publisher.*  
Graphic.  
Hardwicke's science gossip.  
Harper's magazine.  
Harper's weekly.  
Harper's young people.  
Harvard graduates' magazine. *From the Harvard Club of R. I.*  
Home journal. *From the publisher.*  
Home market bulletin. *From the Home Market Club.*  
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Illustrierte zeitung. *From* Mrs. D. H. Hayden.  
The Indian's friend. *From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.*  
Iowa churchman. *From the publisher.*  
Jewish messenger. *From the publisher.*  
Journal of education.  
Knowledge.  
Library journal.  
Literary news. *From the publisher.*  
Literary world.  
Littell's living age.  
London times. (Weekly edition.)  
McClures magazine.

- Macmillan's magazine.  
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*  
 Narragansett historical register.  
     *From the publisher.*  
 Nation.  
 Nature.  
 Natural science.  
 New earth. *From the publisher.*  
 New England historical and genealogical register.  
 New England magazine.  
 New review.  
 New York evening post.  
 New York genealogical and biographical record.  
 New York times.  
 New York tribune.  
 Newport Convocation journal.  
     *From the editors.*  
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*  
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*  
 Nineteenth century.  
 North American review.  
 Northwest magazine. *From C. E. Bray, ag't N. P. R. R.*  
 Notes and queries. (London.)  
 Pall Mall budget.  
 Path. *Anonymous gift.*
- Popular science news.  
 Providence daily journal.  
 Publishers circular.  
 Publishers weekly.  
 Punch.  
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)  
 Review of reviews.  
 Revue des deux mondes.  
 Religio philosophical journal.  
     *From the publisher.*  
 R. I. Historical Society publications. *From the Society.*  
 St. James budget.  
 St. Nicholas.  
 Saturday review.  
 Scientific American.  
 Scientific temperance mo advices.  
     *From Mrs. M. Hall.*  
 Scottish review.  
 Scribner's magazine.  
 Spectator.  
 Springfield weekly republican.  
     *Gift.*  
 Tablet. *Gift.*  
 Temple bar.  
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*  
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Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Sarah B., Estate,	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Chase, William L.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Child, Rev. William S., Estate,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1
Covell, Robert S., Estate,	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John	
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	M. Cross)	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
DeBlois, H. M.	1	Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T. G.)	1
DeBlois, Henry D.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1
Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1



Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane)	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Powel, John Hare	1
King, Clarence	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King David, Estate,	5	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Jr., Estate,	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
King, George G.	4	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Rider, Philip	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur)	2	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mason, George C., Estate,	1	Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Terrill, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Morris, Wistar	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newton, Mrs. Abby E., Estate,	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Newton, Dudley	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Newton, Edward	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Newton, Mary H.	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2	Turner, Dr. Henry E.	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
		Underwood, William J.	1
		Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1

Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Weaver, John G., Estate,	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Weaver, Sarah C.	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Weld, William G.	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2	Wormeley, Katharine P.	1
Wharton, Thomas I.	1		

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay<sup>d</sup> into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

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Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley	Marquand, H. G.
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Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)	Norman, George H.
Bennett, J. G.	Norris, William
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter	Ogden, Francis L.
Bryce, J. Smith	Parkinson, C. B.
Channing, William F.	Pell, Mrs. Walden
Cornell, Richard	Rogers, Daniel
Dino, Duchesse de	Rogers, Fairman
Dunn, Thomas	Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Foster, John	Sheldon, Frederic
Gammell, Mrs. William	Stevens, Frederick W.
Gibbs, George W.	Stout, Francis A.
Griswold, J. N. A.	Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Hatch, A. S.	Tompkins, Frederick
Hunter, Anna F.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Kernochan, Frederic	Tuckerman, Joseph
King, David, Jr.,	Tweedy, Edmund
King, Mrs. Edward	Weld, Mrs. William F.
Lorillard, Pierre	Wetmore, George Peabody
Low, Seth	Wharton, C. W.
	Wharton, Joseph





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THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

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HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, A. D. 1895.

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The one hundred and sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 21st, A. D. 1895, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary of the Corporation, and Dr. Henry E. Turner was chosen Chairman; a quorum of the stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Annual Report of the Directors to the stockholders was presented, and also the annual reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. George Gordon King it was voted that said reports be received, and that five hundred copies thereof be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

On motion of Mr. King, the following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: William W. Covell, Charles Warren Lippitt, George Spooner, Henry Marquand, and Ruth B. Franklin.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

On the announcement that Mr. LeRoy King declined again to serve as President of the Corporation, it was voted to proceed to the election of officers.

The following were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

*Directors:*

Arthur B. Emmons,	John Hare Powel,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
LeRoy King,	Henry E. Turner,
Louis B. McCagg,	George W. Wales.

It was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs, it was voted to adjourn.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,  
Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

## Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.



The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report as follows for the year ending Wednesday, August 21st, 1895:

Colonel William Gilpin, who died on August 25th, 1894, in his eighty-eighth year, was long a Director, and for three years Vice President of this Institution, which is indebted to him for his conservative advice and kindly interest in its welfare.

Colonel Gilpin was born in Newport, was a lawyer by profession, and spent the greater part of his long and honorable life in this community, where he was highly respected and esteemed.

The late ex-Governor Charles C. Van Zandt, who died in June of last year, was for several years a Director here, and during that time gave much valuable aid and assistance. His legal ability and genial presence were always most welcome at the meetings of the Board.

It is with great pleasure that the Directors announce the approaching completion of the Card Catalogue, which has been admirably made by Mrs. Bliss at a minimum of cost.

When this work was first undertaken in the year 1888, with very limited means at our disposal, its accomplishment seemed very far off, and yet in looking back the time now does not appear to be so long, and certainly its cost has been moderate.\* Thanks to the kind friends who have by their financial aid made it possible to carry on the work, we now have, or soon shall have, a complete inventory of our property open to the use of all our stockholders and subscribers.

A printed Catalogue of the Library was published in 1860—thirty-five years ago—and since then until now we have had no accurate list of the books on our shelves.

It is hoped to print a Catalogue by sections, when and as our means will permit, and any contributions for this object will be gratefully accepted.

The Directors deem this a fitting time to thank their Librarian for his excellent care and charge of the Library during the past eleven years.

An important addition to the Library since our last report is the book stack erected in the large East Room from the fund given by Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston. It has already proved to be most useful in providing needed space for books, and a more detailed account of it will be found in the Librarian's Report.

The Directors voted as usual to renew the lease for one year of a place for a pole on the sidewalk to the Newport Illuminating Company upon the same terms as last year.

The number of taxes collected this year is 149 as against 154 last year.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented; also the Librarian's Report.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 345; by gift, 412; pamphlets, 314; periodicals, 57.

The number of books now in the Library is 41,336.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LEROY KING, PRESIDENT,  
for the Directors.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum.

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1895. Aug. 20.	1895. Aug. 20.	By Payment:—	
To balance from former account,	\$411.47	Book Account,	\$1,084.60
Incidental acct., \$18.40 Book acct., \$81.31 {		Incidental "	2,493.47
Catalogue acct., 211.76; Binding acct., 100.00 {		Catalogue "	211.76
Amount received for 149 Taxes:—		Binding	157.80
{ Incidental acct., . . . . . 596.00		For Shelving from Potter Fund,	1,245.00
{ Book acct., . . . . . 149.00	745.00		\$5,192.63
To amount received from Subscriptions,			
" " " Fines,	389.00		
" " " Sale of Duplicates,	27.25		
To Interest from Bonds, Incidental Funds,	12.63		
" " " Book Funds,	1,050.62		
To Interest from Deposits in the Savings Bank of	325.00		
Newport from the following Funds:			
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$200.00		
William S. Rogers " "	160.00		
George G. King " "	40.00		
Robert Rogers " "	40.00		
Gen. Geo. W. Cullum " "	73.63		
William H. Potter Fund,	75.10		
Special Preferred Share Fund,	52.24		
General Current Expense Fund,	20.88		
	661.85		
To Amount withdrawn from W. H. Potter Fund			
in the Savings Bank of Newport for Shelving,	1,245.00		
To Donation from H. G. Marquand for Binding,	100.00		
Borrowed from the National Bank of Rhode Island,	390.00		
	<u>\$5,357.82</u>		
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Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

I have examined the accounts of Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer of Redwood Library, and find them correct, and the bonds and investments to be as stated by him.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.,  
Auditing Committee.



## MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

## Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:—

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	.	.	\$5,000.00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	.	.	4,000.00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
	George G. King Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
	David King Book Fund,	.	.	1,956.99
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	2,000.00
	William H. Potter Fund,	.	.	1,255.00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	.	.	1,306.29
	General Current Expense Fund,	.	.	522.11
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	.	.	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%,	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	.	.	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	.	.	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	.	.	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	.	.	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	.	.	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	.	.	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%,	.	.	3,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Oxford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund,	.	.	3,000.00

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 \$52,040.39

## Librarian's Report.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to submit herewith the thirteenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1894-95.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 15, 1894,	40,579
No. of volumes added by purchase, . . . . .	345
No. of volumes added by gift, . . . . .	412
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Total in the Library, August 21, 1895,	41,336
Pamphlets added, . . . . .	314
Odd numbers of periodicals added, . . . . .	57
Continuations, . . . . .	40

The number of volumes added by purchase is about the same as last year and the year before. The number of volumes added by gift is rather less than in the past few years, particularly last year, when the number of books was very largely increased by the addition of Professor Fairman Rogers' donation. Most of the books issued for home use are those of recently published works, and as in most cases the Library buys only one copy of a book, the demand for new books, particularly in summer, when our reading public is doubled, has for the past two years largely exceeded

the supply. The Library should have at least twice the number of new books which it is now able to buy.

Among the more important gifts of the year may be mentioned the continuation of Stevens' Facsimiles of American manuscripts, from Mr. Henry G. Marquand, a complete bound set of the Medical Record (40 vols.) from Dr. F. H. Rankin, and a fine set of architectural plates, the Monumentos Arquitectonicos de Espana, published by the Spanish Government. This superb work is not complete—indeed, it is rarely found now in a complete state—but it comprises twenty-nine folios, and is a most valuable addition to the art department of the Library. For this gift the Library is indebted to Admiral Stephen B. Luce.

The number of books issued for home use is larger this year than that of any year of which we have record, the total number of volumes being 13,291. This is 1,170 volumes more than were issued in 1893, which is the largest circulation up to this year. The steady and marked increase of the circulation from 1885 to the present year, as seen in the subjoined table of comparative circulation, is very gratifying, since it shows the increasing usefulness of the Library, and its adaptation to the wants of its patrons. The proportion of fiction read exhibits a slight increase over the previous year, being a little over 65 per cent. of the whole.

The number of reference and other books used within the Library walls is about the same as that of last year. The gaps in the reference department, to which attention was called in last year's report, still remains unfilled, and as long as it is so the Library will be under a certain disadvantage in ministering to the wants of its reading public.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation.

#### COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291

#### CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	69
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	.	103

4.	Ecclesiastical history, . . . . .	41
5.	Biography, . . . . .	535
7.	History, . . . . .	519
A.	Geography, Description, Travels, . . . . .	536
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law, . . . . .	110
H.	Physical science, . . . . .	35
I.	Natural science, . . . . .	267
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts, . . . . .	71
T.	Theatre, Music, . . . . .	55
U.	Fine arts, . . . . .	139
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.), . . . . .	360
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes), . . . . .	172
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers), . . . . .	1312
Vf.	Fiction, . . . . .	8679
Vp.	Poetry, Drama, . . . . .	135
X.	Literary history, Bibliography, . . . . .	134
Y.	Language, . . . . .	19
Z.	Miscellaneous, . . . . .	0

## CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	I.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1894,	10	16	7	53	51	66	11	2	14	8	8	14	48	15	138	848	18	11	2	—	1340
September,	2	18	3	42	46	43	12	7	16	16	3	7	25	11	98	767	23	13	3	—	1155
October,	3	10	5	66	67	50	11	1	25	4	2	14	39	16	126	787	15	18	2	—	1261
November,	8	5	1	35	39	47	6	2	20	11	6	11	26	17	132	712	15	6	2	—	1101
December,	7	10	5	35	33	33	12	3	19	5	3	11	28	16	125	574	9	7	0	—	935
January, 1895,	6	6	3	38	59	42	6	4	18	0	5	18	31	11	64	677	10	18	0	—	1016
February,	4	0	2	43	31	31	4	3	19	6	4	17	31	16	137	648	8	13	2	—	1019
March,	4	9	2	52	41	36	7	3	29	2	5	19	32	16	142	720	7	11	1	—	1138
April,	6	3	3	27	33	34	5	2	19	5	1	5	20	18	94	663	8	9	1	—	956
May,	4	4	2	28	32	49	12	2	27	3	4	2	18	20	75	669	5	10	3	—	969
June,	7	11	4	48	30	55	11	3	30	8	8	12	21	10	85	735	2	7	2	—	1089
July,	8	11	4	68	57	50	13	3	31	3	6	9	41	6	96	879	15	11	1	—	1312
Total,	69	103	41	535	519	536	110	35	267	71	55	139	360	172	1312	8679	135	134	19	—	13291

At the beginning of last year it seemed certain that the cataloguing would be finished at the end of the year. This opinion was based upon an estimate of the number of books in the Library then uncatalogued. The addition of the Fairman Rogers collection, however, upset these calculations. Had the books in this collection been left uncatalogued until the rest of the Library had been catalogued, the work would have been nearly, if not quite, finished at the end of the calendar year. But so many books of the Rogers collection were needed for circulation that it was deemed advisable to catalogue them before proceeding with the remainder of the Library. This carried the work over into the current year, and in January last the money appropriated for cataloguing purposes was exhausted. Since that time comparatively little cataloguing has been done. Mrs. Bliss has, however, without remuneration, catalogued the new books as they have come in, and has also done more or less work on the general catalogue. The number of books still uncatalogued is about 1,000 or 1,200. These books are odds and ends, left over or overlooked in the general cataloguing, together with some sets of periodicals and a few reference books. There are now no definite subjects, except maps, left uncatalogued. The number of pamphlets catalogued this year is 927, and the number of books catalogued since the last report is 2,597.

During the past year Mr. H. G. Marquand has given \$100 for binding. Most of this money has been used for binding a number of French books which have, from time to time, been bought, or been given to us, and which have been waiting until we had means to put them in covers. None of our periodicals have been bound for two years. In addition to his gift of \$100, Mr. Marquand has generously offered to pay for binding the volumes of Stevens' Facsimiles, which he has previously given to the Library.

Last winter the special committee appointed to provide additional shelf-room, by means of the money generously given last year by Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, accepted the plans of the Westervelt Manufacturing Company for the Stikeman shelving, and thereupon that com-

pany erected, on the north side of the East Room, an iron stack containing 588 shelves; accommodating, with room for growth, about 11,000 volumes. When the stack was completed there were transferred to it most of the volumes in the Reading Room, and all the books, except reference books, in the Delivery Room. The stack now contains Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Biography, Geography, Travels and Description, and English and American Literature. This stack not only relieves the crowded state of our shelves, but permits a systematic and orderly arrangement of most of the subjects in the Library. The Delivery Room now contains on its shelves only works of reference, and the more popular American magazines. It may be well to mention the fact that the new stack has so far given the most perfect satisfaction. It is not only light, airy, with easily adjustable shelves, but it is likewise ornamental.

Among the changes necessitated by the erection of the stack was the disposal of the antiquarian and natural history specimens which have hitherto found a place in the East Room. By a vote of the Directors these articles were placed on deposit in the Historical and Natural History rooms, in the Historical Society's building on Touro street, where unquestionably they will serve a better purpose than they would in the Library.

When the wall cases in the East Room were taken down to make room for the stack, two of them were set up on the long desk in the Fiction Room, and upon these shelves were put all the juvenile works of fiction. While this is a convenience for those seeking reading for the young, the position of the cases greatly darkens the room, and makes it difficult to read the titles or class-marks of books behind the cases. Even the two gas jets do not overcome the difficulty, since they are too far away. If the juvenile cases are to remain, additional gas light for this room will be necessary. But the room devoted to fiction is far too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of books of this class, and some of the shelves are overfull. Still it is difficult to see where else in the Library books of this class of books can be put.



During the cataloguing of the Library between 2,000 and 3,000 volumes of duplicates were set aside to be sold. These Mr. H. B. Tompkins, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in selling to a dealer in old books in New York.

Attention is again called to the lack of sufficient natural light in the Delivery Room. In last year's report the disadvantages accruing from so insufficient a light, and the necessity of burning gas so much of the time, was strongly insisted on. It is to be hoped that ere long something may be done to make the Delivery Room better suited for the work of the Library and the consultation of books.

The condition of the cellar of the Library is such as to demand immediate attention, since, in its present state, it is a source of injury to the books, and a menace to the health of the occupants of the building. At every heavy rain water pours into the cellar, and, there being no drainage, stands on the hard earth floor until it is gradually absorbed. In spring and fall it is not uncommon to find a foot or more of water over nearly all the cellar. Even in the driest seasons the cellar is never dry, and in summer it is generally so damp and cold that a tolerably thick fog may be seen in that part of the cellar lying under the East Room. This condition of the cellar is extremely detrimental to the books in the rooms above, and it is largely owing to this that so many books in the Library are more or less covered with mould. The only remedy for this undesirable state of things is, apparently, to have the cellar thoroughly cemented.

Last spring the cocoa matting, which for several years has covered part of the floor of the Delivery and Reading rooms, was found to be so worn and so full of dirt that it was taken up. The comfort of the readers in the Library requires that the floors of both these rooms be entirely covered with some kind of sound-deadening covering, which shall not, like cocoa matting, become a receptacle for, and an agent in, distributing dust.

Too much praise cannot be given to Miss A. E. Gosling, the charging clerk, for the tact and efficiency with which she has discharged the irksome and, at times, ardu-



ous duties of her position, and also for the willingness and capability she has shown when called upon to take charge of the Library when illness, or other causes, necessitated the absence of the chief officer.

RICHARD BLISS,  
Librarian.

## List of Periodicals taken, 1895.

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| <p>American journal of archæology.<br/>         American journal of science.<br/>         American naturalist.<br/>         Annals of American Academy.<br/>             <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i><br/>         Antiquary.<br/>         Atlantic monthly.<br/>         Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)<br/>         Book-buyer.<br/>         Bookman.<br/>         Book reviews. <i>From Messrs. Macmillan.</i><br/>         Bookseller.<br/>         Boston daily advertiser.<br/>         Boston daily herald.<br/>         Century.<br/>         Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Churchman. <i>Gift.</i><br/>         Contemporary review.<br/>         Coöperative index to periodicals.<br/>         Cosmopolitan.<br/>         Critic.<br/>         Deutsche rundschau.<br/>         Dial.<br/>         Edinburgh review. (American edition.)<br/>         Electrical world. <i>From Walcott Gibbs.</i><br/>         Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i><br/>         English historical review.<br/>         English illustrated magazine.<br/>         Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i></p> | <p>Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i><br/>         Fortnightly review.<br/>         Forum.<br/>         Garden and forest.<br/>         Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i><br/>         Gentleman's magazine.<br/>         Good words.<br/>         Graphic.<br/>         Hardwicke's science gossip.<br/>         Harper's magazine.<br/>         Harper's weekly.<br/>         Harper's round table.<br/>         Harvard graduates' magazine.<br/>             <i>From the Harvard Club of R. I.</i><br/>         Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i><br/>         Illustrated London News.<br/>         The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i><br/>         Iowa churchman. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Journal of education.<br/>         Journal of geology.<br/>         Knowledge.<br/>         Land of sunshine. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Library journal.<br/>         Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i><br/>         Literary world.<br/>         Littell's living age.<br/>         London times. (Weekly edition.)<br/>         Macmillan's magazine.</p> |
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 Nature.  
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 New England historical and genealogical register.  
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 Pall Mall magazine.  
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 R. I. Historical Society publications. *From the Society.*  
 St. Nicholas.  
 Saturday review.  
 Science.  
 Scientific American.  
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